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SEX DISEASE INFECTIONS DOUBLE IN JUST A YEAR

THE number of people contracting the sexually transmitted disease chlamydia has risen by almost 100 per cent, according to new figures.

In the east of the county the number of cases rose from 672 to 1,288 between 2008-09 and 2009-10, with west Kent increasing by more than double from 349 to 702. In Medway, the figure rose from 400 to 569.

Chlamydia is the most common sexually transmitted infection (STI) with 217,570 people being diagnosed nationally in 2009, the majority aged between 15 and 24-years-old.

By **MARIJKE COX**

For 75 per cent of women and 50 per cent of men with the disease there are no symptoms, but it can cause infertility in females, with recent research suggesting it can also lower sperm count in males.

The disease is spread through unprotected sex, but people can reduce the chance of infection by using a condom.

The Kent figures, from Government's National Chlamydia Screening Programme (NCSP), come from the thousands tested through screening.

This is when health bosses write to people inviting them to take tests,

rather than waiting for people to come into sexual health centres, known as GUM clinics, when they need a test.

People who go to GUM (genitourinary medicine) clinics are not included in the figures – meaning the real total of infections is higher.

Some pharmacies are also providing free screening for 16 to 24-year-olds.

KOS Media obtained NHS data relating to the number of GUM clinic positive tests which showed a drop in the county for under 19s; NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent by 66 to 197 and NHS West Kent by 26 to 136.

But this only takes into account the people who have gone to a GUM clinic

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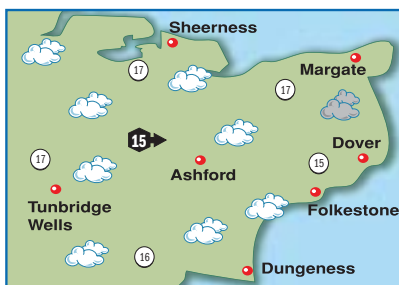


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Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	showers	13	55	London	cloudy	17	63
Belfast	fair	15	59	Liverpool	drizzle	16	61
Birmingham	fair	16	61	Manchester	showers	16	61
B'mouth	cloudy	18	64	Newcastle	fair	14	57
Bristol	cloudy	17	63	Norwich	showers	16	61
Cardiff	fair	17	63	Oxford	cloudy	17	63
Cork	cloudy	17	63	Southsea	fair	19	66
Edinburgh	fair	16	61	Sh'hampton	fair	17	63
Glasgow	fair	16	61	Southport	fair	17	63
Isle of Man	fair	16	61	Swansea	cloudy	17	63
Leeds	showers	15	59	Torquay	fair	17	63





Sun & moon

Sunrise	6.02am	Sunset	7.49pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	8.50pm	Moonset	11.21am	7.49pm to 6.04am

High Tides

	today	ht (m)	ht (m)	tomorrow	ht (m)	ht (m)
Dover	02.02	6.3	14.13	6.5	02.27	6.2
Margate	03.15	4.5	15.28	4.7	03.39	4.4
St Mary's	07.53	5.2	20.09	5.2	08.23	5.1

Week ahead

 monday Mainly dry. max 18C min 7C	 thursday Sunny spells. max 20C min 8C
 tuesday Sunny spells. max 19C min 8C	 friday Sunny spells. max 21C min 10C
 wednesday Sunny spells. max 19C min 8C	 saturday Mainly dry. max 21C min 10C

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PROPOSED cuts to a vital career guidance service will be “devastating” for less academic youngsters struggling to find work in Kent and Medway.

The coalition Government has already slashed the budgets of Connexions branches throughout the country, and managers are fearful of even bigger reductions when the Comprehensive Spending Review is published on October 22.

Medway Youth Trust – the Medway branch of Connexions – lost £100,000 from its £2.1 million budget this year, resulting in recruitment and salary freezes, as well as several other cutbacks.

Business manager Jon Paton said: “At the moment we’ve been able to protect most frontline services but October 22 is D-Day for us because we are fearful of a big cut that could cause serious damage.

“I would suggest that for the less-qualified young people, the greater the impact will be.

“If you’re somebody who has missed out on getting five A* to C grades at GCSE then the chances are you’re going to need someone to tell you what courses are available or to fight on your behalf to get you into college.”

According to figures released this month by the Trades Union Congress, Medway experienced the largest increase in youth unemployment in the country, at 158 per cent.

Unison regional organiser Simon Bolton

Chancellor's axe hangs over 'vital' careers service for young people

said the Conservatives had let the people of the towns down again, pointing to the mass unemployment caused by the Thatcher-enforced closure of Chatham dockyard in 1984.

“It’s going to have a devastating effect on the Medway area,” he said. “The coalition promised they wouldn’t hit frontline services, but what is more frontline than support for young people?”

“Connexions is an absolutely vital service, especially if you’re a 14 or 15-year-old with no idea what to do with yourself. If you cut career guidance then what chance are you giving them for the next decade?”

“It’s madness. Where are the workers of

the future going to come from?” According to Unison, the number of 16 to 24-year-olds classed as Neets (not in employment, education or training) has risen by almost two per cent nationally since the last quarter, to 36.1 per cent.

The Kent branch of Connexions has regional offices in 11 towns throughout the county, with its funding currently protected by the dedicated schools grant reserve.

A spokeswoman said some reduction in funding was expected from 2011 onwards, but that both Connexions and Kent County Council would seek to “preserve continuity of services”.

Testing is vital to stop spread of STIs, warn health experts

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on their own accord, rather than the thousands tested through screening.

Gerald Bassett, lead commissioner for sexual health with NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, said the Trust has made excellent progress in screening more than 20,000 young people across the area.

“For the screening programme to be effective we need to test a lot more in order to pick up those who are infected and reduce the risk of chlamydia being spread,” he said. “We have written to every 18 to 24-year-old inviting them to take a test, which may account for the higher number of positive tests.

“However, in percentage terms, the number of young people testing positive for chlamydia in Kent has halved over the last five years, which is good news.”

Mr Bassett said NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent – which has the highest infection rates in the county – has introduced a wide range of initiatives to combat the disease, such

as on-the-spot tests by GPs and pharmacists.

NHS West Kent is also urging all young people across its area to take a test, stressing that one in 14 sexually active under-25s who are tested carry the infection.

Letters describing the range of options for getting tested, which includes postal home testing kits, were sent to 18 to 24-year-olds at the beginning of the year.

Malti Varshney, public health specialist at NHS West Kent, said: “We are urging under-25s to have a test every year, or every time they change sexual partner.

“Chlamydia testing is quick, easy and convenient, and could help young people avoid potentially serious health problems in the future. Chlamydia often has no signs or symptoms, but once detected, it can be easily treated with antibiotics.”

The screening programme rolled out by the Department of Health was praised by health chiefs for rooting out people who may not have initially come forward for a test.

Dr Alison Barnett, director of public health for Medway NHS, said the area’s team screened 8,227 people in 2009-10 and is aiming to screen 12,040 in 2010-11.

“Chlamydia, at least in its early stages, may not cause symptoms. It can cause real harm to people’s fertility before they even know they have it,” she said. “That is why the screening programme is so important.”

Figures released this week by the Health Protection Agency showed in the South East Coast Strategic Health Authority area, which covers Kent, Surrey and Sussex, there were a total of 28,994 new STI diagnoses, including genital warts, herpes and gonorrhoea, reported in 2009.

For a free and confidential home screening kit for chlamydia text your name and address to 07747 898128 or call 01303 228898. Alternatively send your name and address on a postcard to Freepost I WANT A TEST, email iwantatest@nhs.net or go to www.iwantatest.nhs.uk.

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Quiz night? And why not, says film pundit Norman

FROM rubbing shoulders with Steven Spielberg to a stand-up row with Robert De Niro, there's little that critic Barry Norman hasn't seen when it comes to the film industry, *writes Marijke Cox*.

As a show business journalist, a novelist and the face of BBC's Film series for more than 20 years, the 77-year-old has interviewed some of the silver screen's best-loved stars.

And now, to share his passion, Norman is paying a visit to Kent with his daughter Samantha to host a quiz for the county's film buffs.

The special night is being held at the Woodville Halls in Gravesend on Thursday, September 9, at 8pm.

Speaking to KOS Media about the upcoming event, Norman – who is dubbed Britain's most popular film critic – said he was looking forward to his trip to the county.

"It's the Garden of England so it's always a pleasure to visit," he said.

"The quiz night is a new venture for me. I've hosted them twice in private clubs in London and they brought in a lot of people. It will be interesting to see how it turns out in Kent."

Norman, whose father Leslie Norman directed films including Dunkirk and Cruel Sea, is best known as the presenter of BBC's Film series which he fronted from 1972, before leaving in 1998, to present Barry Norman's Film Night for Sky.

He was succeeded by Jonathan Ross who announced earlier this year he was leaving the BBC.

Now stepping into the shoes of the two popular presenters is Claudia Winkleman, host of Strictly Come Dancing: It Takes Two on BBC 2.

Norman said: "I have no idea how she's going to do – I don't really know her."

"She's an attractive, clever woman so I think she'll do well. Jonathan Ross did very well. He was a very different presenter from me though."

ALL ACTION: Barry Norman, whose career as crossed the paths of stars such as Bruce Willis (right) will be coming to Kent with his daughter Samantha to host a quiz for film buffs



"I'm interested in film as opposed to just going to the pictures. What the BBC wanted was a person that focused on cinema."

Throughout his career Norman was a respected presenter who interviewed the biggest stars, but he admitted he preferred to mix with directors and writers.

"They have a much broader outlook on life. Actors and actresses are in a very competitive world where there is always someone behind them with a knife poised."

"They look at work as how it affects their lives, whereas writers and directors look at work as how it is affected by life."

"I enjoyed talking to people like Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese."

Confronted

Touching on his experiences, Norman recalled a moment in his career when he almost came to blows with Hollywood legend Robert de Niro.

"He doesn't like doing interviews, but he is obliged to in contracts. He was monosyllabic and it was difficult to interview him."

"I was getting irritated with him and he was getting irritated with me. When we got up to leave I put out my hand to shake his and he ignored it. I confronted him and we ended

up snarling at each other. If it had come to a punch up though he would have won – he was younger and fitter than me."

Aside from Arnold Schwarzenegger and Bruce Willis, who Norman claimed were both full of themselves, he said most actors he interviewed were fine.

"They just wanted to talk about their film and what they were doing," he added.

For the father-of-two, who lives in Hertfordshire, film is not his only passion. His other love in life is pickled onions.

"I've always made my own from a recipe passed down through the generations in my family back to the mid 19th century," he said.

"A friend of my daughter tried one and he had a look on his face like that of St Paul on the way to Damascus."

"He was in marketing and it went from there – they are the best in the world."

Sittingbourne producer Bennett Opie now makes Barry Norman's Pickled Onions.

For tickets, priced £10, to Barry Norman's Quiz Night call the box office on 01474 33 77 74 or email team details to woodville.halls@grave-sham.gov.uk

18 years for rapist

SERIAL sex offender Ronald Falvey has been jailed for 18 years after being convicted of carrying out horrifying attacks over a 15-year period.

The 49-year-old, from Chatham, was found guilty at Maidstone Crown Court of 23 charges – 17 counts of sexual abuse ranging from indecent assault to rape, and six counts of physical abuse including child cruelty.

The court heard that between 1992-2007, Falvey subjected five victims to both sexual and violent abuse. He had denied all charges.

Killer's new appeal

A MAN who served 25 years for the murder of a gangland boss is to appeal to the European Court of Human Rights in a bid to clear his name – despite being released in 1998.

Paul Cleeland, 67, who now lives in Folkestone, was jailed in 1973 for shooting Terry Clarke in Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

Three Appeal Court judges turned down his request to reopen his case in 2002, despite the fact he claims forensic evidence used in his trial has been discredited.

Mr Clarke, a friend of Mr Cleeland, was shot getting out of his car in November, 1972.

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Thousands of girls failing to get cervical cancer jab

HEALTH chiefs are urging girls to come forward for their three cervical cancer jabs after figures revealed thousands had missed one or more injection, *writes Marijke Cox*.

Without the full course of the HPV (human papillomavirus) immunisation they are not fully protected against the virus, which kills 1,000 women in the UK every year.

In the NHS Medway area 7,264 girls born between September 1, 1990, and August 31, 1997, have had all three jabs, but 5,967 have failed to complete the course.

In September, 2008, the national programme was rolled out to vaccinate girls aged 12-13, including a three-year catch-up campaign offering the jab to 13 to 18-year-olds.

Stressed

But from next year this will be stopped and the injections will only be offered to 12 and 13-year-old girls. Others have until the end of January, 2011, to have the jabs.

In the NHS West Kent area, where 14,033 girls have missed at least one jab and 15,871 have completed the course, they have until March, 2011. Health chiefs have stressed, however, that girls can still go to their GPs outside the national programme to get vaccinated.

Dr Maggie Bruce, consultant in public health medicine for NHS Medway, said they need about six months between the first and final vaccination.

"We know that in some cases, girls have had their first vaccination, but missed out on fur-

ther ones, perhaps because they were unwell, or forgot to attend an appointment. In other cases, girls haven't even started the course."

GP practices are sending letters to girls inviting them to make an appointment.

Dr Bruce said: "It is very important that girls have the vaccination because it can protect them against cancer in later life."

Cervical cancer is the 12th most common women's cancer in the UK and the only one which can be vaccinated against.

Awareness was raised after reality TV star Jade Goody lost her battle with the disease on March 22, 2009, aged 27.

The vaccination is offered to younger girls and has proved safe and effective, although once they reach 25 they will still need to be regularly screened for cervical cancer as the jab does not target all forms of the virus.

In unaffected girls, the vaccine is 99 per cent effective against the two types of human papillomavirus, which cause more than 75 per cent of cases of cervical cancer.

Dr Declan O'Neill, director of public health improvement for NHS West Kent, said: "HPV vaccine can prevent up to 75 per cent of the risk of cervical cancer in later life."

"Later life may not be that far away as was sadly seen in the case of Jade Goody who succumbed to the disease only aged 27."

Figures for NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent showed more than 14,000 girls had the vaccination, but the number for how many had not completed the course was unavailable.

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THE doctor at the centre of the Bloodgate scandal brought the profession into disrepute by helping a rugby player cover up a fake injury, a disciplinary hearing has ruled.

Dr Wendy Chapman, who lives in Sevenoaks and has been suspended from her job as an A&E consultant at Maidstone Hospital, appeared before a General Medical Council (GMC) panel this week.

She told the hearing she was "ashamed" of her role in the scandal that sent shockwaves through the rugby world.

In ruling on the facts of the case on Thursday, the panel found her actions had brought the profession into disrepute and were dishonest. It will now consider submissions on whether she should be struck off the doctors' register for her misconduct.

The panel ruled Dr Chapman did not act in the player's best interests.

During the inquiry Dr Chapman, 46, admitted cutting the lip of Harlequins winger Tom Williams during a Heineken Cup quarter-final against Leinster last April, in her role as team doctor for the club.

Banned

The incident came after Williams had bitten into a fake blood capsule so his team could make a tactical substitution in the dying stages of the crunch clash.

Leinster's team doctor Professor Arthur Tanner gave evidence to the GMC hearing on Wednesday in support of Dr Chapman, saying she would have been under extreme pressure from the player.

He said: "You had a player who knew he had been sussed. The only way he can see out was to inflict the injury he had been feigning. 'It would be a nightmare.'"

Dr Chapman had wept on Tuesday as she gave evidence to the hearing.

She told the panel she could not understand why she gave in to pressure from Williams.

Describing the moment she realised she had been "duped", she said: "I was horrified, just horrified. This was a huge game and they cheated. I was ashamed that I gave into the pressure."

Asked why she had cut him, she replied: "I

Bloodgate doc was dishonest rules medical discipline panel

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don't understand. It sounds really feeble. I knew there was huge pressure, but normally I would just walk out."

Harlequins has been fined £259,000 as a result of the scandal, their director of rugby, Dean Richards, was banned for three years and Williams was given a four month ban after an investigation by tournament organiser the European Rugby Cup (ERC).

Williams was banned from playing rugby for a year by the ERC in July, 2009, but his punishment was reduced after he appealed and gave evidence against Richards and physiotherapist Steph Brennan, who was given a two-year suspension.

It was during the appeal in August that the 26-year-old player alleged Dr Chapman, who was employed on match day by the club to deal with blood injuries, deliberately cut his lip with a scalpel after he asked her to do it.

The ERC cleared Dr Chapman of any part in planning the blood capsule incident.



UNDER PRESSURE: Dr Wendy Chapman

Stolen alpaca back

A STOLEN baby alpaca has been reunited with its mother two days after it was snatched from a Hartlip farm.

The four-day-old llama-type animal was taken overnight on August 23. It was feared the baby would starve to death, as newborns must feed every two hours from their mother.

Officers swooped on a Medway address on Wednesday after receiving reports the animal had been seen there. A 35-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of theft.

Homes are flooded

FIREFIGHTERS were pumping out water from flooded properties on Thursday after the county was hit with heavy rain overnight.

Herne Bay was worst affected, with 30mm of rainfall, and the Environment Agency reported more than 60 properties flooded.

There were also reports of flooding in Ramsgate, Ashford, Aylesford, Dartford, Gravesend, Rochester and Tunbridge Wells.

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Sports minister Hugh Robertson, looks ahead to London 2012 and England's 2018 World Cup bid

Cameron's 'politicising his role as new father'

A LEADING academic says David Cameron should get on with running the country instead of worrying too much about his new baby, writes Chris Murphy.

Dr Ellie Lee is a lecturer in social policy at the University of Kent.

She said parents are being overrun with advice on how to bring up their children, and often it is simply not needed.

Mr Cameron has already said he plans to take paternity leave to spend time with his "unbelievably beautiful" daughter, and wife Samantha.

Dr Lee told KOS Media: "I very much doubt he really is going to take time off to look after the baby."

"But if push came to shove, I would say pretty much anyone can look after a new-born baby, and not everyone can be Prime Minister. There is an oddness about this kind of discussion now. It is very predicatable that he would say these kinds of things."

Florence Rose Endellion was born by caesarean section, weighing 6lb 10oz, on Tuesday while the PM and his wife were holidaying in Cornwall.

Dr Lee said the British public saw Tony Blair on the steps of Downing Street in his shirtsleeves and a cup and tea telling the world he is an ordinary dad.

Dr Lee said: "We are told if you are not a full-on involved father, then you are a bad father."

She said fatherhood had become politicised by what Tony Blair and Gordon Brown did as fathers, adding: "Obviously, politicians can't then exempt themselves from the message they are putting out."

"My own view is that all this is very unfortunate. I think the politicisation of child rearing hasn't helped families."

She added: "I find it disturbing that as a culture we seem so blasé about what is happening to the way we discuss things between parents and children."

"People should be able to bring their children up in a way they see fit."

"We are always being told there is somebody else who knows best and we have to see some guru."

Dr Lee said families should be allowed to cope with the trials and tribulations of bringing up their children, complete with all the mistakes, so they can learn naturally.

It's claimed Mr Cameron will be seeking the advice of a fatherhood expert, which Dr Lee frowns upon.

She said: "I don't know if he is, but this seems to be a message that Downing Street is putting out that this is what a good father does. I find this general trend very worrying."



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THE INTERVIEW



BY JANE CONNOLLY

Tom's happy to coast along rather than rock the Boat

JUST two years into their career, Tom Williams and the Boat have been making waves in the music industry.

Although the Tunbridge Wells-based band is unsigned, they have made a big splash with their lyric-driven pop rock and received extensive airplay on both BBC Radio 1 and 6Music, as well as playing at the Glastonbury, Lounge on the Farm and Latitude festivals.

The six-piece group met at the town's Grey Lady Music Lounge and frontman Tom Williams, 23, puts their rapid success down to the BBC Introducing initiative to discover new music.

"There's an amazing infrastructure set up for new bands," he said. "We've been one of the most successful BBC Introducing bands, just because of the stuff they've been able to offer us."

"We submitted our music to the local show on BBC Radio Kent and that feeds the national show with DJ Huw Stephens."

"From as early as 2008, we got Radio 1 airplay and we played at their Big Weekend in Maidstone and recorded sessions at the Maida Vale studios. Through the exposure on Radio 1, we've managed to do an amazing amount for an unsigned band."

The line-up boasts a diverse collection of characters, including a cow farmer, a landscape gardener and a drum teacher, while Williams is a fine art student.

While being signed to a record label would enable the members to give up their day jobs, Williams claims their desire to land a recording contract has softened over time.

"You spend the first part of your life dreaming about it, but the more you get into it, you realise it's not the be all and end all," he said.



HOME-GROWN TALENT: Tunbridge Wells-based Tom Williams and the Boat have had huge success despite being an unsigned band

"There are bands we know that are signed and miserable. There are lovely things about it, like security, potentially."

"But there are also horrible things like A&R men who tell you what songs to put on the album, but at the moment we put what we want on the album."

Along with the help they have received from key figures in the business, Williams puts their early success down to a proactive approach.

"We have not stopped making music. A lot of bands look to ape a professional band's release schedule – they release a couple of songs and then take a year off. But the thing to do is keep working and giving these people an excuse to play your records."

Although the music industry is notoriously competitive, Williams had words of encouragement for any aspiring bands and singers out there.

"The time that DJs like Huw Stephens and

Steve Lamacq give to new music is amazing," he said. "After the nightmares you hear about people only listening to the first 10 seconds of your music, it's really encouraging to know that people are listening to it all."

• **Tom Williams and the Boat will be performing at the free Local & Live event on the Pantiles Bandstand, Tunbridge Wells, at 8pm on Sunday. Find out more at www.tomwilliamsandtheboat.co.uk.**

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Moveable barrier key to easing Stack woes

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MOTORWAY misery caused by Operation Stack could be reduced if plans to extend use of the moveable barrier get the go-ahead.

The barrier separates free-flowing traffic from lorries parked on the M20, but can only currently be used when phase one of Stack is implemented, affecting the stretch of road between Hythe and Cheriton, junctions 11-12.

However, Kent County Council (KCC) wants it to be extended to cover phase two – between Maidstone East and Ashford junctions 8-9 – to stop motorists clogging up the A20 when the motorway is closed.

The barrier keeps the M20 open by dividing the motorway to create a carpark for lorries on one side, and allowing other traffic to keep moving on the rest of the road.

Operation Stack was last implemented over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend due to industrial action by ferry staff in France.

It is also used when there are problems with the Channel Tunnel or when severe weather causes cross-Channel service delays at the Port of Dover.

Cabinet member for highways Cllr Nick Chard said: "We know how important it is to keep traffic moving. Kent businesses lose



HOLD UP: M20 comes to another standstill

thousands of pounds whenever Operation Stack is implemented and motorists suffer the knock-on effects from traffic spilling onto the county's roads.

"By working closely with the other agencies concerned and the cross-Channel operators, we are seeking to minimise the adverse impact of Stack. In future this will be better all round for Kent's travelling public."

Congestion

Earlier this year the Kent Police Authority called for a long-term solution to Stack after revealing the bill for policing foreign drivers during 2008-09, cost Kent taxpayers about £2 million.

The Federation of Small Businesses has also estimated that blockades at Calais port and the subsequent stoppage of crossings costs the UK haulage industry £1m a day, and a further £500,000 daily due to delivery delays and traffic problems.

KCC is currently developing its plans for a possible lorry park near Aldington as an alternative to Stack, but the proposals have been met with fierce opposition from local residents.

"In the long term we still need somewhere more permanent for lorries to be parked, and probably more than one site," said Ian Taylor of the Association of British Drivers.

"As a short-term measure it's a good idea to extend use of the moveable barrier, but I'm wondering why these discussions have come about when it's been used so rarely in the past when it should have been."

KCC added that it is continuing to explore ways of improving the way Stack is implemented, as well as to improve communications with the Port of Dover.

A Highways Agency spokeswoman said: "The Highways Agency continues to work with KCC, Kent Police and other agencies to manage the impact of congestion caused by disruptions in service at the Port of Dover or Channel Tunnel.

"Currently we are looking at how we can contain more lorries during phase one of Stack so we can minimise the number of times phase two needs to be implemented."

72-year-old is jailed for abusing children

A PAEDOPHILE pensioner who preyed on two young girls has been jailed for six years.

John Bundock, 72, from Brabourne Lees near Ashford, committed the abuse to the seven and eight-year-olds over a period of three years.

He was charged with sexual activity with a child under the age of 13, and indecent assault with a child under the age of 14.

He pleaded guilty in June and was sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court this week.

Bundock had been a former friend of the family. The two victims, who are related, described in court how he committed the sexual assaults.

He convinced the girls to keep quiet about the abuse by telling them they would not be believed and would end up in care.

Shared space drives road speeds down

ASHFORD'S pioneering shared space system has succeeded in cutting traffic speeds and driving up road safety standards, claims a new report.

In November, 2008, Ashford completed the first phase of its £15.6m scheme to transform its 1970s ring road into two-way streets in which drivers, cyclists and pedestrians have equal priority. Road markings and traffic lights were removed and the speed limit cut to 20mph.

Now Ashford council has been told around 10,000 vehicles a day travel through the shared space zone and the majority of traffic travels within the 15-20mph range.

A SIBERIAN tiger cub at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park is to be named Zaria.

The name, pronounced Zah-ree-uh, means 'sunrise' in Russian and is also the goddess of beauty in Slavic mythology. It was suggested by Amy Balabil, 13, from Lympne who won a competition to name the rare beast.



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Charity's fears for countryside in budget cuts

NOT even birdlife is set to escape the massive government cuts.

Details of which funding gets slashed will be announced on October 20 in the Chancellor's Comprehensive Spending Review.

And the RSPB warns rural businesses and the environment in Kent could suffer when cuts go ahead.

At the frontline of its concerns is Higher Level Stewardship (HLS), a scheme that supports farmers and landowners who deliver significant benefits to the environment.

Landowners in Kent who are signed up to HLS, play a vital role in supporting key species and habitats, as well as making the countryside accessible for the public.

Bruce Fowkes, RSPB farmland advisor, said he is deeply concerned about the future if finances are slashed.

While he understands the need for savings, he said: "We have been arguing very strongly that the natural environment is not the place to make severe cuts.

"In the South East we have the largest farmland bird declines in the country.

"However, advisory work with farmers, through schemes such as the planned North Kent Farmland Bird Project, is attempting to address the situation.

"These schemes to support farmland birds are underpinned by access to agri-environment schemes such as HLS. Any cuts to the HLS budget would seriously hamper efforts.

"In Kent it could mean a reverse in fortunes for birds such as corn bunting, grey partridge and lapwing.

"To see the hard work of farmers supported by agri-environment schemes go to waste would be a tragedy."

There are financial benefits for keeping HLS intact, the charity said.

Defra found 80 per cent of all environmental stewardship expenditure is spent locally.

For every £1 invested in HLS, £1.43 is spent within a 40-minute drive of the agreement holder. This means if HLS was cut, contractors, suppliers and local shops would all feel the pinch, they said.

Kent farmers apply for cash through HLS in return for taking steps to preserve the area, its wildlife and its archaeology.

Now those payments and the environment they protect could be under threat from the chancellor's axe, said the RSPB.

Mr Fowkes added: "Defra's budget amounts to just half a penny out of every pound the Government spends, yet that modest investment brings huge returns."



AT RISK: Corn bunting

Quotas reprieve for North Sea fishermen

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FISHERMEN at risk of financial ruin have won a reprieve after industry chiefs allowed them to resume operations in the North Sea.

Last month KOS Media revealed that stocks of sole and skate had already run out in the fishery, but following a successful campaign, the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has increased the allocation of sole for owners of under 10-metre boats.

However, it is not all good news, as the same agency also warned this week that supplies of sole, plaice, skate and ray are running dangerously low in the English Channel, and that fishermen may have to reduce their monthly catch if they want to survive the year.

South Thanet Tory MP Laura Sandys welcomed the North Sea increase, which came as the result of successful swap negotiations with the Netherlands and Germany.

She said: "I'm thrilled our fishermen are able to go back to sea following lengthy negotiations by fisheries minister Richard Benyon with other EU countries to get extra quota.

"This has illustrated to us all how dysfunctional the current European quota system is and how reform is so badly needed."

Fishermen angry at the quotas staged a protest at Whitstable harbour earlier this month.

Whitstable boat-owner Phil Edwards told KOS Media at the time that although 95 per cent of the country's fishing fleet is made up of under-10-metre boats, they only have access



HARBOUR LIGHTS: Small-boat fishermen staged a protest at Whitstable Harbour

to about four per cent of the total UK quota.

He added this week that the low fish stocks in the Channel were partly due to the problem in the North Sea, which had caused fishermen to look elsewhere for their catch.

The two Channel fisheries affected – known as VIId and VIIe – cover an area between Hythe Bay and the Isle of Wight, and the Isle of Wight and Cornwall respectively.

MMO chairman Chris Parry said: "Quotas are set annually by the European Commission and the MMO has the difficult balancing task of ensuring stocks are managed throughout the year to maximise the fishing opportunities for the UK industry, while ensuring stocks are not over-fished and

the UK Government and taxpayer does not have to pay steep penalties."

Meanwhile, containment areas restricting the movement of diseased oysters remain in place across the Swale, Thames and north Kent coast.

Officers from the Fish Health Inspectorate imposed the restrictions last month following an outbreak of herpes at a shellfish farm in Whitstable.

A spokesman said the containment areas would only be lifted once two inspections held 15 days apart conclude that no further oysters are dying.

However, an inspection held last week showed there was still evidence of the disease.

Coastal areas get protection

MARINE habitats and species living around the Kent coast have been granted special protection under EU law, *writes Marijke Cox.*

Margate and Long Sands sandbank, which starts north of the Thanet coast and stretches to the outer reaches of the Thames estuary, was named among 15 new Marine Protected Areas based on its importance for commercial fish species such as plaice and sole.

The sandbank acts as a nursery for fish and supports sand eel communities, which are a food source for seabirds and mammals.

The Outer Thames Estuary on the north Kent coast has also been included as a special

area of conservation, specifically as a protection area for birds.

Protection status allows limits on development, fishing, moorings and stops people removing marine life.

These new protected areas are some of the first offshore habitats in the UK to gain protection under EU law.

Chris McMullon, marine and coastal seas specialist for Natural England, the government advisor on the environment, said the organisation was pleased to have two new sites protected in the South East.

"Margate and Long Sands is an important area of sandbanks which are complex and important marine habitats," he said.

"And the Outer Thames Estuary is being designated because it is a major UK site for over-wintering red-throated divers.

"These are important sites and we welcome the contribution they make to the environmental diversity in this part of our seas."

The Government submitted the sites to the European Commission to be included in the Natura 2000 network of protected areas.

They were selected on the basis of scientific evidence that showed they support important habitats and species.

Marine environment minister, Richard Benyon, said the sea needs as much protection as land.

"Working hand-in-hand with the creation of Marine Conservation Zones, created under the Marine and Coastal Access Act, these sites will make a major contribution to the delivery of an ecological network of Marine Protected Areas by 2012."

Marine Conservation Zones are a new national designation created to protect



MARINE WILDLIFE: Species such as the light-bulb sea squirts need protection

important and representative habitats and species.

Sites are put forward following investigations by Natural England, Countryside Council for Wales, and Joint Nature Conservation Committee.

Melissa Moore, senior policy officer at the Marine Conservation Society said: "This is an important step by Government toward its commitment to produce a full network of Marine Protected Areas by 2012.

"This is a deadline that the UK must not let slip to 2016, as is being discussed by ministers at the North East Atlantic Environment Summit in Bergen next month."

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It's democracy: MP rubbishes objections to bins collection votes

TAXPAYERS are being asked to contribute to the decision-making process rather than run it completely, insists local government minister Bob Neill.

The Con-Lib coalition has made no secret of its desire to give individuals more of a say in how their communities are run, with plans already afoot for directly elected police commissioners and local referendums on house-building projects.

But when asked if the public was being asked to do the jobs of the individuals they elect, Mr Neill – the Conservative MP for Bromley and Chislehurst – said there was no reason why people should not be more involved in the decisions affecting their lives.

The 58-year-old former barrister spoke to KOS Media following a visit to Dartford on Monday, when councillors revealed they would maintain weekly bin collections in keeping with the results of a residents' poll.

Mr Neill said: "Decisions will still ultimately be made by elected representatives, but that does not mean they should not take into account what citizens want."

Decision-making

"I think modern democracy is about a lot more than just voting for somebody every four or five years. Now it's about getting involved at every level."

"I don't think there was enough of that under the previous government, and I think that's why a lot of people felt there needed to be a change."

"Modern technology also makes it very easy for councillors and MPs to contact the people they serve, so there's no reason why the public shouldn't be more involved in the decision-making process."

A former London Assembly member, Mr Neill won the Bromley and Chislehurst by-election in June, 2006, following the death of his Tory predecessor



CONTRIBUTION: Bob Neill

Eric Forth. He was appointed shadow London minister after just a year in Parliament, and in 2008 was made shadow local government minister.

Mr Neill's short trip to Dartford coincides with a review of the Government's current waste policy, with Communities Secretary Eric Pickles having already withdrawn Audit Commission guidance encouraging councils to switch to fortnightly collections.

During his visit, Mr Neill also promised that November's Localism Bill will include legislation allowing residents to initiate local referendums.

He said: "The binman has never been as welcome as now, with so many councils cutting weekly collections."

"Fortnightly collections cause problems with fly-tipping, odour and vermin, as well as forcing people to drive to their local dump to get rid of their rubbish – increasing congestion and pollution from the traffic."

"This is exactly the sort of level where local people should be involved in the decision-making process, because this sort of thing directly affects their lives."

"A decent bin collection service is a basic requirement. You should be able to take it for granted as part of a civilised society."

Building firms fined over injured worker

A BUILDER fell almost 70 feet from the top of a hospital when an unsupported platform he was standing on collapsed beneath his feet.

Steve McColgan, 37, suffered life-altering injuries in the accident, which has resulted in a total fine of £125,000 for the Kent-based firm he was working for – Expanded Structures Ltd – and its parent company Laing O'Rourke.

The Health and Safety Executive prosecuted both over the fall, criticising them for failing in their duty of care to the worker.

Inspector Victoria Wise said:

"It is tragic that Mr McColgan's injuries could so easily have been avoided if those in a position of responsibility had effectively discharged their duties."

The accident on October 20, 2006, took place as the Edinburgh native worked on a hospital in Newcastle.

Laing O'Rourke and Expanded Structures – both based at Crossways in Dartford – were fined £50,000 and £75,000 respectively after pleading guilty to breaching section 3(i) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. They were also ordered to pay court costs of £13,756 and £14,154 respectively.

Toilet voyeur sentenced

A MAN who spied on a schoolgirl in a Sainsbury's toilet has been given a three-year supervision order after more than 50 indecent child images were found on his computer.

Alan Smallwood, of Aspen Way, Tunbridge Wells, was found guilty of voyeurism by Maidstone Crown Court, given a five-year sexual prevention order and will have to sign on the sex offenders' register for the same period.

Panto seeks dancers

ROBIN Hood organisers are looking for youngsters for this year's Marlowe Christmas panto in Canterbury.

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Teachers slam 11-plus exams

SELECTIVE testing for primary school leavers has come under fire from teachers' unions as children begin preparations for the controversial Kent Test.

Previously known as the 11-plus, the exam selects what type of secondary education children go into.

But the system, which has been scrapped in most other counties, has been criticised over the years for creaming off the brightest students. There are claims that those who do not make the grade are left feeling like failures and are unable to get access to a grammar school.

Last year, one in 10 pupils received private tuition to boost their chances of getting a place in a grammar school.

But the National Union of Teachers (NUT) has slammed the test, stating the competitive and pressured system takes the joy out of learning.

Marian Darke, South East regional secretary for the NUT, said: "This kind of test makes children feel under pressure to perform. Some children develop later than others and yet they are left feeling like failures because they don't pass the test."

"I'm convinced it takes the joy out of learning – Kent needs to come into the 21st century and get rid of this exam."

The Kent Test, which is taken by Year 6 pupils aged 10 or 11, involves verbal and non-verbal reasoning papers, and one maths and one writing paper.

Speaking ahead of the Kent Test registration, Kent County Council cabinet member for children, families and education, Cllr Sarah Hohler, said: "Even if parents and children are not sure whether a grammar, high school, wide ability or academy is best for them, they have nothing to lose by taking the test."

Public praised for huge Pakistan flood donations

A PAKISTAN-born MP has praised the British public for its generosity in helping flood victims as donations topped a staggering £30 million this week, *writes Marijke Cox.*

MP Rehman Chishti's comments came as the head of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) said British people's kindness was "shaming politicians around the world".

Brendan Gormley, chief executive of DEC, admitted further funds were urgently needed, but said the UK was leading the way in donations.

Mr Chishti, who represents Gillingham and Rainham for the Tory party, echoed Mr Gormley's sentiments, saying the plight of those in Pakistan had highlighted the kindness of the UK during international crises.

"We saw it with the tsunami and the Haitian earthquake and we're seeing it again," he said.

"The UK Government has given one of the largest donations – second only to the US – which shows how this country always supports those in need."

The floods are the worst to hit Pakistan in decades, claiming the lives of more than 1,500 people and leaving around 20 million homeless. There are fears water borne diseases could lead to illness and more deaths as the stricken country waits for aid.

Mr Chishti's praise of British generosity came just weeks after the controversial visit of



DISASTER: Victims escape from the flooding

Pakistani leader Asif Ali Zardari, who came under fire for going ahead with his trip to England as his people tackled the disaster.

The president, who is the widower of Pakistan's assassinated former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, to whom Mr Chishti was a former aide, met with four Pakistani parliamentarians, including the Gillingham MP.

Other Labour MPs, however, boycotted the meeting, with one, Khalid Mahmood, MP for Birmingham Perry Barr, saying Zardari's visit showed "indifference to his own people".

National security

But Mr Chishti told KOS Media it was a matter for the president to decide whether he carried out the visit during that time.

"We've always had a good relationship with Pakistan, which goes back many years," he said.

"It was a decision of the president and not really one for me, a British MP, to comment on."

Mr Chishti added: "He wanted to speak to Pakistan MPs about the situation with the

flooding and national security among other international issues."

The 31-year-old, who was born in Pakistan, has family back in his home country.

"My grandfather and other relatives died in the Kashmir earthquake in 2005, but my family have not been affected by the floods," he said.

"There is a great humanitarian need and I would ask the British public to continue with their generosity."

"The UN said this is the worst flooding it has seen in Pakistan. We all have to try to help one another in the international community."

Across Kent, residents have been pulling out all the stops for the flood appeal.

Canterbury-based artist Shaukat Khan is offering his entire studio collection of floral paintings to raise money for Unicef's Pakistan Flood Children's Appeal.

He is calling on the community to bid generously for the collection until September 23 at www.khanart.co.uk.

Acclaimed executive chef Dev Biswal, of The Ambrette restaurant in Margate, is holding a series of pop-up cookery demonstrations along the Kent coast.

"Rather than just make a donation, I want to do something to draw attention to these people's plight," said Mr Biswal.

For information, go to www.theambrette.co.uk.

Christian group Blythwood Care, in Strood, has sent donations for Buckets of Love, which consist of a bucket filled with practical items for people left devastated by the disaster.

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STOP AND GO: New website lists which homeowners are renting out their drives

Residents cash in on driveway car parks

ENTREPRENEURS are turning driveways in front of their homes into car parks so commuters and shoppers can avoid having to park in Maidstone's town centre.

It is not exactly the Dragons' Den, but the have-a-go business bods are signing up to a home parking website to advertise their drive space and then charging accordingly.

The site shows the location of the driveway, times and distances to train stations and the town centre, as well as features like access times and lighting.

One particular driveway in Kingsley Road says it is five minutes' walk from the Chequers Shopping Centre, 10 minutes from the town centre, and is on a quiet street with 24-hour access.

The owner is charging just £3 for the day. Town centre manager Bill Moss is all for the home car parks.

He said: "I think it is a cracking idea. It works on three levels; it is good for the space owner to get extra money; it is good for the commuter to know that their car is in a safe place; and it is good for us as it takes cars off of the street."

Cheaper

Providing parking for commuters heading to London is proving to be extremely lucrative for some owners who are charging up to £50 per month for vehicles to be left with them.

And that is still more than £25 cheaper than parking for a month at Maidstone East Station.

But according to Mr Moss, the reason these businesses are springing up has nothing to do with not having enough spaces in the town centre.

He said: "Just a snap shot will show you there are 6,000 spaces in the town centre and on any given weekday up to 3,000 of them remain empty."

"I don't think it is expensive to park here. We are cheap for people to come here and shop for a few hours, but we don't cater for the all-dayers."

"To stay all day could cost you up to £8."

"We are the busiest town centre in Kent and seven years ago we had complaints all the time about lack of parking. Now that has been sorted."

The parkatmyhouse.com website allows customers to view feedback on the driveway owners and how they run their mini car park.

One statement said: "Very quick response, and very helpful in making arrangements and payment throughout the agreement. A pleasure to do business with."

Merchant Navy Day service

A SPECIAL service to mark Merchant Navy Day will be held on Friday, September 3, in Dover.

Standard bearers will march into the Town Hall from 10am, where there will be a Service of Celebration.

An official wreath-laying ceremony for civic heads, Merchant Navy Association representatives, and other members of the community is also being held at the Merchant Navy War Memorial on Dover seafront from 11.15am.

Brothers attacked over taxi

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after an assault on two brothers in Ramsgate.

The pair, aged 21 and 25, were attacked by a gang of men after a dispute over a taxi in Harbour Parade between 2.30-3am on

August 15. One suffered a cut cheek while the other received a fractured jaw, cheek and arm.

The attackers are believed to have been on a stag night dressed as lifeguards in yellow T-shirts and red shorts.

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Dragon hopes bubble car has mass ap-Peel

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SIXTIES icon the bubble car is staging a comeback after winning the support of Dragons' Den star James Caan.

And this time round the tiny vehicle boasts green credentials after being specially designed with an electric motor so it keeps up with today's environmental standards.

Its return is down to Bromley's Cray Wanderers football club chairman Gary Hillman, from Chislehurst, who was so enamoured by the small car he took over its manufacturer Peel Engineering in 2008.

"These cars are a real passion of mine," he said. "People in the 1950s and 1960s loved them and I had the idea to bring them back."

"In 2008 I came up with the plan to reinvent them with electric motors and it



seems to have escalated from there." The tiny Peel P50 car – which at just 54in long and 41in wide is the smallest in the world – and the Peel Trident with the bubble roof, are showcased at Ripley's Believe it or Not museums in London, New York and Niagara Falls.

But two years on from the launch of the business, the 45-year-old wanted to promote them to the wider public by creating merchandise as well as producing 50 bubble cars for purchase.

Turning to BBC show Dragons' Den, Mr Hillman stepped into the bear pit to face entrepreneurs Peter Jones, Deborah Meaden, Theo Paphitis, Duncan Bannatyne and James Caan.

After being berated by Jones for having no business plan, Caan offered £80,000 for 50 per cent of the business – 40 per cent more than the cut offered by Mr Hillman and his business partner Faizal Khan – but 30 per cent was eventually agreed.

Caan said: "When investing, I often look for things that are a little bit different."

"Rare opportunities can surprise you and add fun to the process. As a British-made



ENTREPRENEURS: Faizal Khan and Gary Hillman won backing from James Caan (left)

product, Peel encompasses traditional values and manufacturing.

"Not only will there be plenty of people who want to own a piece of history by having a Peel, but the brand is ideally placed to expand into a larger product range."

He added: "You might even see me driving around Mayfair in my own Peel car."

Mr Hillman said the £80,000 will go towards the website and merchandise, such as toys, board games and remote controls.

"We need to expand the market and put retail items out for the public to buy," he said.

"The public love these cars and many will want a small piece of them."

"I've had several meetings with James and his advisors. So far we've looked at day-to-day things, such as the website and promotion."

Fifty limited-edition Peel cars are being produced and there is a waiting list for people wishing to buy one of the world's smallest cars.

Mr Hillman said: "We've had a few serious enquiries from people living in palaces in Saudi Arabia that are so big they want to buy bubble cars to ride around in."

"I'm not sure whether we'll see people driving on the roads in them in Britain because of the busy traffic, but you never know."



POWER PLAY: Matthew Luethi has found financial backing for his wind turbines

Success is in the wind for TV Den reject

AN INVENTOR who walked away empty-handed from the Dragons' Den is pressing ahead with plans for a new generation of wind turbines.

Matthew Luethi – chairman of Rochester firm Luethi Enterprises – failed to win support from the hit BBC Two show but has still managed to attract investment from elsewhere.

His plans include bringing the company's patented 'silent' wind turbine into production, as well as a cheaper 'barrel' version for developing countries.

"What makes our turbines unique is that they don't need an external power source," said Mr Luethi.

"All the other commercially available wind turbines need a power supply to operate electronic steering systems, which means they can't be used in remote locations or other places where there's no power."

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"All others have to be shut down in such high winds."

Mr Luethi's unsuccessful pitch was broadcast on BBC Two last Monday.

Encouragement

And despite failing to win financial backing from the stars of the show, the Swiss-born retired farmer did receive some words of encouragement.

Peter Jones said: "I hope you sail in the wind not unhappy and that this comes to fruition one day."

Mr Luethi said afterwards: "It was a shame none of the Dragons invested with me, though I was very heartened that they were respectful of my ideas."

"Shortly after my pitch I signed a contract with an investment company, so the development plans are progressing anyway."

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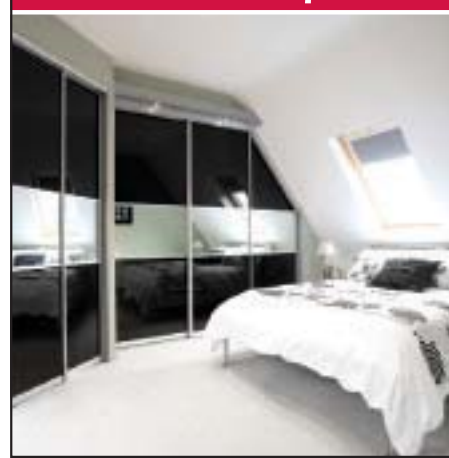
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Drink-drive arrest Tory won't resign

A TORY councillor arrested for drink-driving has told KOS Media he will not resign his seat.

Thanet District Council's Ewen Cameron, 52, of Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea, was arrested in a hire car on Saturday, August 21, outside Tesco Extra in Margate Road, Broadstairs.

The financial advisor who has represented Bradstowe ward for three years, told this newspaper: "I had a heavy dinner the previous night and then a glass of wine with lunch.

"I will have to pay the penalty, and justly so. The lesson I have learnt from this is if you drink in the evening, think very carefully before you drive the next day."

Cllr Cameron said he had already planned to stand down from the council at the next election, but did not believe he should immediately resign his seat because of his arrest.

He said: "I have no intention of standing down. I think a by-election at this time would be most unfortunate. It does not affect my ability to be a councillor."

He will appear in court on Friday, September 10.

Railway on track for beer festival

CELEBRATE this Bank Holiday weekend in style at a beer and cider festival.

The East Kent Railway is hosting the second annual event from Saturday to Monday, August 28-30, at Station Road, Shepherdswell.

The volunteer-run railway aims to preserve the last trains of the Kent coalfield.

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New Hollywood leading lady Gemma is still a maid of Kent

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

KENT'S very own leading lady Gemma Arterton has bagged her first lead role, which comes as her last movie Prince of Persia arrives on DVD.

Gravesend-born Arterton, 24, had already appeared in several movies when she hit the big time as a Bond girl in Quantum of Solace.

But she is now starring as the title character in Tamara Drewe, which arrives in cinemas on September 10. She plays a high-flying media ace returning home to the West Country to find a den of violence and laughs.

The film is being promoted as the British feel-good hit of the season.

Her last movie, Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time wasn't universally loved by the critics, but it did well with audiences, helped on by Jake Gyllenhaal in the lead.

He joins forces with beautiful princess

Tamina, played by Arterton, to prevent a villainous nobleman from controlling the Sands of Time, a gift from the gods that can reverse time and allow its possessor to rule the world.

It wasn't an easy ride to the top for Arterton.

Her parents, a cleaner and a welder, divorced when she was five and she was brought up on a Gravesend council estate by her single mum.

After attending Gravesend Grammar School for Girls she took a performance arts course at the Miskin Theatre in Dartford, and then trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.

Unbelievable

She said: "The whole scale of Prince of Persia was out of this world. When we were in Marrakesh before we started filming they took me to visit the set for the kingdom where my character, Tamina, lives. It was unbelievable.

"There were streets you could walk around and palaces and fortresses and market squares.

"And I was thinking, 'I'm playing the princess of this place, just little old me'. It's humbling because after everybody's done all this work, you think, well, now I really have to come up with the goods.

"The princess is a bit of a tomboy sometimes, and she even has to pretend



STARRING ROLE: Gemma as Tamara Drewe

to be a sort of fictional 6th century cocktail waitress at one point. I've also got some great costumes with henna tattoos and jewels in my hair and things like that. I'm the only girl in the film, so I have to try to look good."

When told she had the part, she said: "It was surreal. I just sat there on my bed not quite taking it in. It's weird to think you're going to be a princess."

And she gets to kiss Gyllenhaal, saying: "My friends were always asking if I kiss him. And I say, 'Yes, I do, so there!' They're all wildly jealous."

As for her future, a Hollywood mansion is still not on the cards because she likes to stay near Kent.

Gemma said: "I love London and I need to stay somewhere where I'm around normal people, like my parents, who really keep me grounded. I also need to be able to go down the pub now and then.

"Do they even have pubs in Hollywood?"

• Prince of Persia: Sands of Time is available on Disney Blu Ray, DVD and Double Play, out September 13.



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Nazis planned to infiltrate Dover ahead of invasion

By **NICK AMES**

THE GERMANS planned to invade Britain during World War Two by dressing up in British uniforms and making use of two stairways in the cliffs at Dover.

The plan was revealed as part of an MI5 file into the abortive invasion – which would most likely have taken place in summer 1940, if the Luftwaffe had won the Battle of Britain.

The invasion plans are revealed in a report by a member of an elite German intelligence unit called Sonderstab (Special Force) Hollmann.

The stormtrooper unit was led by Wilhelm Hollmann, and members of his group spent March, 1940, training using barges that had been constructed on the rivers and canals of Germany and the Low Countries and then towed down the Channel coast and moored on the beaches opposite Dover.

They were a frequent target of RAF bombing raids with Hampden, Wellington and Blenheim aircraft pounding the embarkation points.

The informant, Corporal Werner Janowski, said landings were planned along the English coast and in Scotland and Southern Ireland, but the attack would be centred around Dover.

The invasion would begin with a "heavy aerial attack" followed by "specially trained shock troops".

These were to "attempt to make landings with a view to seizing and holding strategic

positions until the main body of German troops could be brought across the Channel in barges".

Cpl Janowski said his unit was to arrive under cover of darkness, wearing Allied uniforms, as others had during the invasions of France, Holland and Belgium.

Cpl Janowski, who worked for the German Intelligence Service, the Abwehr, told MI5 interrogators: "Having effected a landing they would proceed along the cliffs to a point outside Dover where there were steps leading down to the beach and from this point they were to continue along the beach.

"They would regain the cliff head by means of some steps near Dover railway station and then pass alongside the station and take possession of three docks on which were gun emplacements.

"They would then signal to Luftwaffe that the docks were in their possession."

Training for the invasion continued through September and October, 1940, with the unit under orders to "prepare for embarkation at a moments notice."

But by October the soldiers realised that the invasion would not take place that year.

When the barges were moved to Dunkirk, most were destroyed in raids by the RAF during December.

Policing cuts will cause 'meltdown'

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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HOME Office budget cuts could lead to a "meltdown" of policing in the county, warns the chairman of the Kent Police Federation.

Ian Pointon says that if government departments are asked to slash their budgets by 40 per cent – as has been suggested by Chancellor George Osborne – it would be impossible for the force to maintain its current level of service.

Kent Police must already identify £23 million worth of savings over the next three years, but will not know the full extent of the funding cuts until the Comprehensive Spending Review is published in October.

Drastic

And despite assurances the public will not notice a difference in frontline services, Mr Pointon said he could not see how if the worst-case scenario is realised.

"If the budget is cut by 40 per cent, then without a shadow of a doubt policing in Kent will change drastically," he said.

"If that happens then people are obviously going to notice a difference because it will have a huge impact – there's no way it can't do – and maintaining our current levels may be untenable.

"A 40 per cent cut is almost equivalent to meltdown. I think the polic-

ing budget should have been ring-fenced, because unless you've got law and order then nothing else will flourish."

Apart from 'priority' departments including the Department for Education and the Ministry of Justice, all others have been asked to draw up plans for spending cuts of 25 per cent and 40 per cent.

Kent Police is currently in the middle of a huge restructuring programme, and in July the force announced that nearly 200 police recruits had been told their places had been cancelled.

Chief Constable Ian Learmonth also revealed that some senior ranks may be slashed from the hierarchy in a bid to save money.

But no matter how large the budget cuts turn out to be, Mr Pointon said the force will struggle to have "more of anything" over the next few years.

This means the county is unlikely to see more traffic officers deployed in the event that Kent's speed camera network is reduced or shut down completely over the next few months.

Kent County Council has already indicated it will pass on the reduced government funding for the cameras, so the police may be forced to do the same.

But Mr Pointon said: "I don't think there will be a huge effect if the cameras

are decommissioned. I think large sections of the public saw them as cash cows more than anything else.

"I also think speed cameras are a one-trick pony. They punish drivers breaking the speed limit at 2am when nobody is around but do nothing to stop people who are drunk or driving without MOT or insurance.



DOWNBEAT: 40 per cent budget cuts will leave frontline services reduced

"It's going to be difficult to put more officers on traffic duty because there will be competing priorities, but you

don't necessarily need more cops. Sometimes you just need to give them additional responsibilities."



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Portillo set to hold audience at school

FORMER MP turned political commentator Michael Portillo is to host an evening at a top private school – during which he will give a talk.

The former cabinet minister, who dramatically lost his Enfield Southgate seat in the 1997 election, will host the 'audience with' at Tonbridge School on September 24.

The Eurosceptic politician was a junior minister under Margaret Thatcher and John Major after being elected as an MP in 1984.

He went on to become defence secretary and was widely tipped as a future Tory leader until he lost his parliamentary seat as Tony Blair and New Labour swept into power in 1997.

Mr Portillo retired from the Commons in 2005 and has gone on to have a successful broadcasting career appearing on television and radio programmes.

He is a regular guest on BBC One's This Week – a satirical politics show that debates events and gossip at Westminster and in the wider world.

His co-panelist is Labour MP



SPEAKER: Broadcaster and former MP Michael Portillo

Diane Abbott, who is one of five candidates in the running to become the party's next leader.

Mr Portillo has also made a documentary series on BBC Two called Great British Railway Journeys, which is currently being screened.

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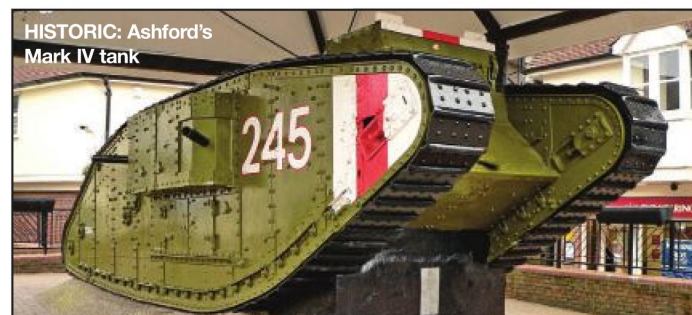
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Fighting to restore WWI tanks

Charity needs £2.3m for groundbreaking process that could see tanks rumble into action once again



HISTORIC: Ashford's Mark IV tank

HISTORIC tanks which dominated the battlefields of World War One could be restored to their former glory thanks to a revolutionary technique pioneered in Kent, *writes Steve Knight.*

The Maidstone-based Military Vehicle Foundation hopes to rebuild four armoured vehicles in time for the 100th anniversary of the conflict in 2014, but must first raise £2.3 million.

Ashford's famous Mark IV tank, which currently stands as a registered war memorial in St George's Square, is one of the vehicles in line for a makeover.

Should the restoration cash be made available, skilled engineers at the charity will use a process known as annealing to strengthen steel which has become brittle with age.

Manager David Ridd said: "The problem is that if you went out and drove a World War One tank today, it would shake itself to pieces in a very short space of time.

"But we've come up with a process that allows us to reinvigorate, bend and shape the steel so that it lasts, because there's no point restoring tanks with old plates.

"Tanks are interesting in the sense that they give you an insight into exploring issues around war. When you're trying to teach people about 20th century history, they're really compelling tools."

Based in a workshop at Rugmer Hill Farm, Yalding, the Military Vehicle Foundation has been restoring old tanks, jeeps and more since 1997 and has been a charity since 2000.

It also gives young people and young offenders the opportunity to learn about engineering by offering work experience placements, and has a re-offending rate of just 3.7 per cent.

Mr Ridd said the foundation was working with war museums throughout Europe in an attempt to bring the tank restoration project to fruition.

He added: "The centenary of the start of World War One is going to be a major international event, and we are looking at restoring four tanks to full running condition.

"One is the Mark IV in Ashford and we



TANKED UP: Sharon Bowles MEP with Richard Smith, director of The Tank Museum and Michael Gibb, director of SdKfz Military Vehicle Foundation

also have two French tanks currently in bits in our workshop. We also want to restore a German LKII, of which only two prototypes were ever made."

Mr Ridd revealed that the foundation hoped to secure grants from a range of European funding agencies, including the Heritage Lottery Fund, but added it was still "very early days".

South East MEP Sharon Bowles – chairwoman of the European Parliament's economic and monetary affairs committee – has already pledged her support.

She said: "There is enormous historic and cultural significance attached to these vehicles, which are some of the rarest examples of modern engineering in the world.

"I am really proud that the expertise required for their restoration is to be found in Kent.

"These tanks could be returned to full working order and be a centrepiece in centenary events around Europe in 2014. The project needs £2.3m and so I shall be seeking support from MEPs in the UK and elsewhere for EU funding."

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Historic warship in line for Lottery TV award

A WORLD War Two destroyer now standing as a memorial for the 11,000 sailors lost at sea is up for a National Lottery award.

HMS Cavalier, which received lottery funding for its £1.5 million restoration at the Historic Dockyard Chatham, has reached the final stage in the category of best education project.

The awards will be announced live on BBC One next Saturday during the National Lottery's Big Night show, hosted by Doctor Who star John Barrowman.

"Reaching the finals has been an incredible experience and has really helped us to raise our profile within the local and wider community," said Alec Cheyne, ships volunteer at the Historic Dockyard.

"Lottery funding has allowed us to undertake the restoration of this monumental ship, which is now a valuable educational tool for young people as well as a memorial to the many men who lost their lives on the destroyers throughout World War Two.

"The national recognition we will receive from the BBC is an amazing opportunity. We're all so excited about the night itself and can't wait to hear the results."

HMS Cavalier was the Royal Navy's last operational World War Two destroyer, and after her de-commission in 1972 was opened to the public in Brighton marina.

She was later towed up to a dry dock in



SHIPSHAPE: HMS Cavalier in all her glory

Newcastle, where she was left to rot until being rescued by the Friends of HMS Cavalier and brought back down to Chatham in 1999.

The National Lottery Awards have seven categories each reflecting an area of lottery funding, including sport, heritage, arts, environment, education, health and charity.

As well as gaining national recognition, the winner of each category will take home a trophy and a £2,000 cash prize to spend on the project.

The National Lottery's Big Night will be shown on BBC One next Saturday at a time to be determined.

OAP's £500K haul hidden behind toilet

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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AN ELDERLY man who hid £500,000 in his toilet has been ordered to pay the cash back despite being cleared of money-laundering offences.

Using powers granted under the Proceeds of Crime Act, Kent Police were able to seize the money from 70-year-old convicted drug dealer Peter Wells after convincing magistrates it had been generated through criminal activity.

A further £132,400 found hidden in various other locations was also seized as well as £81,752 from an outstanding confiscation order, adding up to a total of £763,901 including interest.

Officers launched an investigation into Wells after he was caught with £80,000 in his car during a stop-check at Bluewater shopping centre, in August 2007.

He was pulled over for a minor traffic offence after his car was flagged up by the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system.

Det Con Michael Prior said: "This is an excellent example of how a simple stop-check can evolve into a detailed



STASH: Police found thousands of pounds hidden in Peter Wells' toilet cistern

investigation into organised criminality.

"Although Wells was not convicted at court initially, by using Proceeds of Crime legislation we were able to remove a substantial amount of cash and assets which we believe resulted from criminal activity."

Following the Bluewater stop-check, Wells – from Cranham in Essex – was arrested on suspicion of money laundering.

A subsequent search of his car revealed documents and a parking permit linking him with addresses in Kent and Essex, including a chalet at All Hallows Holiday Park on the Isle of Grain, near Rochester, where the money in the toilet cistern was found.

When quizzed about the source of the cash in his possession, Wells remained mostly tight-lipped aside from confirming he had won £100,000

on the lottery. He was charged with money-laundering offences and stood trial in September last year, only to be acquitted on all counts.

However, inquiries into the source of the money continued as officers had strong reason to believe it had been generated through criminal activity.

Wells – who had previously served four years in prison for drug supply offences – did not challenge the forfeiture order during the hearing at Sevenoaks Magistrates' Court earlier this month.

Martin Lyddon, of Kent Police's ANPR research team, said: "This case shows how ANPR technology can be used proactively to catch criminals who are using the roads."

Wells was also ordered to pay £2,795 court costs to Kent Police.

Picture: STEVE WEAVER



Photo wins top trip

CATERING business boss Steve Weaver is swapping his steaks for snaps after winning the chance to be a top photographer to bring tourists to South Africa.

Judges ploughed through more than 2,500 pictures sent in by wannabe photographers all vying for the chance-of-a-lifetime position.

Mr Weaver, 53, from Canterbury, impressed the panel with his shot of a boy leaping from rocks into a white-water sea. South African Tourism was looking for someone to capture the essence of the country's most beautiful features.

Steve's image won the Adventure category and then scooped the overall prize of a two-week photography assignment in South Africa.

He will also attend a technical workshop with legendary photographer and competition judge Alf Kumalo, before embarking on a two-day assignment.

A selection of his work will feature in an exhibition at the National Geographic Store in London's Regent Street in October.

South African Tourism's UK manager, Lebo Mokhesi, said: "I can't wait to see the beauty of South Africa as depicted through his lens."

Mr Weaver added: "I'm thrilled to be going back to South Africa – and so excited at the prospect of learning some skills from living legend Alf Kumalo."

Also on the judging panel was wildlife photographer Steve Bloom from Wye, near Ashford.

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PETITION: Heidi and David Anderson say the breeding regulations need tightening

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A MAJOR overhaul of animal laws is necessary to help banish Britain's stray dog problem, claims a Kent rescue charity.

David and Heidi Anderson, of the Dover-based Chancepaxies, have launched a petition calling for a 'fit for breeding' legislation to regulate breeders of all levels and ensure they are not dumping their dogs when the going gets tough.

They claim the problem of stray dogs will be eradicated within 10 years if the Government implements their idea, which has so far earned the backing of more than 500 people.

"There is legislation already in place to control farm animals and fishing, and to prevent you dumping your fridge or your car, so why not dogs?" said Mrs Anderson.

Couple call for new regulations to reduce shock increase in numbers of stray dogs

"Dogs, unlike children, do not grow up and become responsible for themselves. If you choose to bring puppies into the world, you must retain some responsibility throughout that dog's life."

According to a 2007 report commissioned by the RSPCA and the World Society for the Protection of Animals, only 30 per cent of European countries – including the UK – do not enforce compulsory licensing for dog breeders.

And of the eight European countries deemed to have good stray control, all have legislation in place for the breeding and selling of pets.

The Andersons are also breeders of champion Dobermanns and say those willing to breed animals should also be willing to rescue them, too.

"If you won't rescue, don't breed," said Mrs Anderson. "It would be good to get people to realise there is a big difference between responsible and irresponsible breeders."

"A responsible breeder should always

take back a puppy, for whatever reason, throughout that dog's life, and always be there for help and support if needed.

"This change in legislation is needed to introduce a sensible solution."

"Thousands of people are admitted to hospital every year with dog-related injuries, millions of pounds of taxpayers' money is spent every year on stray dogs, and thousands are sitting alone, unwanted and abandoned."

Mrs Anderson added: "This legislation will also uncover the falsification of pedigrees that allows banned breeds to be re-introduced into the UK for fighting and intimidation of the public."

"This can all change if the breeding of dogs is controlled."

Just over 500 people have already signed the Andersons' petition, but they want 10,000 before it is submitted to Parliament.

• **Visit www.chancepaxies.com and click on the 'fit for breeding' tab to add your name.**

Abandoned greyhounds need loving new owners

POTENTIAL dog owners are being urged to think twice following an increase in the number of greyhounds being abandoned in Kent.

The appeal comes from the Rochester-based Greyhound Rescue West of England (GRWE), which took in and rehomed 763 dogs last year, compared to 513 in 2008.

But the worrying increase in dumped lurchers – highlighted in a recent episode of Panorama – could swell that figure to as much as 1,000 this year, including greyhounds no longer wanted after their racing careers are over.

Kent regional homing officer Janet Lindsay highlighted the case of a saluki cross called Suri, spotted tied to a fence outside a dog pound weeks after giving birth.

Two days later a box containing her eight puppies, all of which were in an appalling state of neglect, was dumped outside a nearby veterinary surgery.

All nine animals narrowly escaped being put to sleep and were instead placed into the care of the charity.

Mrs Lindsay said: "Both mum Suri and her pups are in a poor condition, suffering from sarcoptic mange which is so itchy it is causing them quite a bit of distress, leaving their skin flaky, broken and red raw. But now with veterinary treatment and plenty of TLC, both mum and her pups are gradually recovering."

GRWE is run entirely by volunteers. Already overwhelmed with the number of dogs in kennels and foster care, and a growing waiting list, emergencies like this put



NEGLECTED: Suri and her pups (inset) were dumped in an appalling condition

further stress on a charity that relies solely on donations from the public to carry out its rescue and re-homing work.

GRWE currently has about 80 dogs in its care, including 21 puppies.

To offer a home to one of the dogs or to help the charity financially, visit www.grwe.com or call 07000 785 092.

Meanwhile, the Retired Greyhound Trust is also appealing for new owners as its kennels in Meopham, near Gravesend, contain more than 40 dogs with nowhere to go.

Spokesman Ivor Stocker said: "Greyhounds make fantastic pets. When they leave the track they turn from speed machines into docile couch potatoes who love to loll around and get fussed over."

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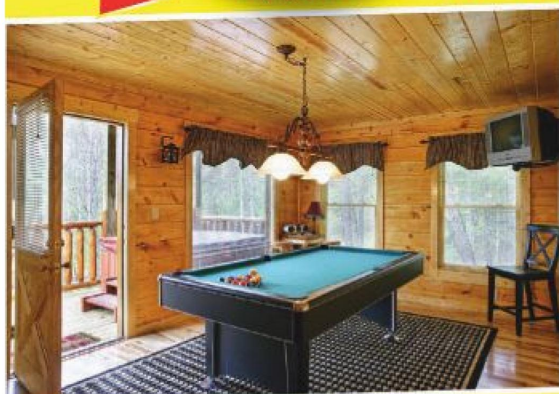
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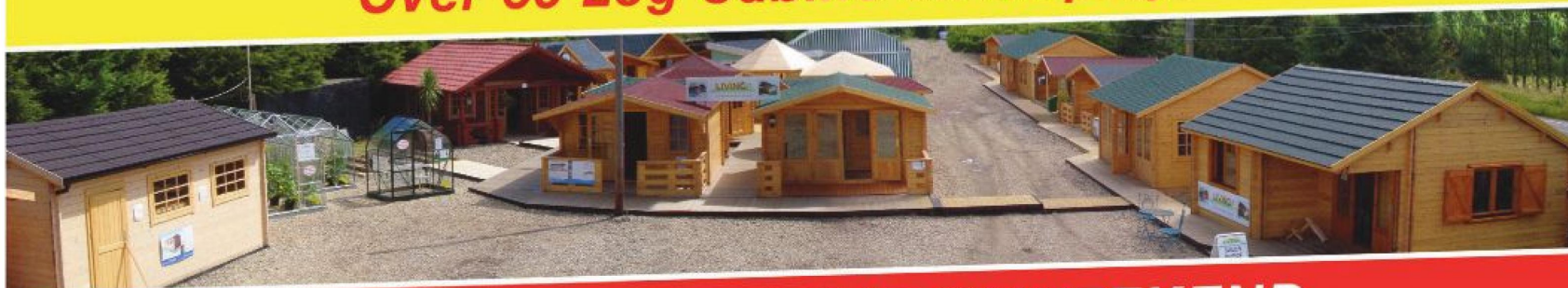


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Charity's call to walk for water

THE water and sanitation charity WaterAid, which helps people in the Third World get supplies of clean water, is asking people to join a fundraising event, CoastAlong.

The event on Sunday, September 11, aims to have groups of walkers on 187 sections of coastline, including the Kent coast from Sandwich to Deal, Walmer and Dover.

The individual sections are between four and 15 miles long, so organisers say there should be something to suit everyone.

Vanessa Ashton, WaterAid's regional development manager, said: "Clean, safe water is the very basic necessity of everyone in the world."

Kent votes to get our troops home

A HUGE majority of readers who voted in a poll at kentnews.co.uk think the UK should pull its troops out of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Of the 402 people who voted, just 18 per cent said the soldiers to remain.

Paracycling race rides into county

MORE than 100 cyclists from across the world will be descending on Kent on the weekend of September 4-5 for the biggest paracycling event ever held in the UK.

Fowlmead Country Park near Deal will host the event which will see competitors racing on Saturday, while on Sunday there will be races against the clock, a family fun day and the chance to meet Paralympic mascot Mandeville.

Visit www.kent.sport.org/paracycling.

Hovering on a memory

Enthusiasts celebrate the most fascinating Channel craft

SOME 42 years ago, a revolutionary new mode of transport was launched on the Dover Strait, capturing the imagination of the British public like no other before it, *writes Marijke Cox.*

A cross between an aircraft, a boat and a car, it ferried millions of people between Calais and Dover during its service on the Channel.

It hovered on top of the sea at speeds reaching 80mph before travelling onto land and stopping at the port terminal.

But 32 years after its launch, the hovercraft made its last trip in 2000 – a victim of fuel price rises and fierce competition in the ferry industry.

The two craft – Hoverspeed's The Princess Margaret and The Princess Anne – once used on the Dover Strait now lay unused in a museum at Lee on Solent, cared for by a group of dedicated enthusiasts.

To celebrate their history, former captain Brian Laverick-Smith has organised a reunion for crew and the public.

It is being held at the Ramada Hotel in

END OF AN ERA: A Mark III SR.N4 hovercraft is pictured arriving in Dover on its last commercial flight on October 1, 2000

Picture: ANDREW BERRIDGE

Dover on October 1 – exactly 10 years after the last crossing by the Channel hovercraft.

Capt Laverick-Smith said the spirit of and affection for the crafts still lives on and some 200 people are expected to attend.

"There was something very unique about the job and everybody felt it was a special place to work – there was real camaraderie," he said.

"We have so many interesting and funny stories from the time.

"People were fascinated by the hovercraft. As it came up from the sea on to land you'd see faces of passengers pushed up against the windows.

"After one crossing, we had arrived in Calais and I got a call to say there was an unruly passenger below.

"A little old lady was refusing to leave saying she needed to be dropped off in Paris. This kind of attitude was typical – people were fascinated by it."

Capt Laverick-Smith, who is a master mariner, said driving the craft was different to any other.

"On a ferry, as captain you stand on the bridge of the ship and give orders, but with the hovercraft you're strapped in, with the controls around you, travelling at speeds of up to 80mph," he said.

"In a hovercraft you don't point in the right direction. There's no grip on the surface of the water, so I'd be driving sideways, but the idea was to drift."

But despite its popularity – carrying more than 80 million people and 12 million cars during its time in Kent – competition from the Channel Tunnel and other ferry companies, combined with a rise in fuel prices, meant its future looked bleak.

On October 1, 2000, the hovercraft pulled up at the Dover terminal for the last time, flashing its lights to the crew who had assembled on the seafront.

Capt Laverick-Smith, who retired four years before its demise, said the crew held fond memories of their time with the craft.

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By **MARIJKE COX**

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TOWN halls have been granted new powers to start a renewable electricity revolution that could reduce rises in council tax.

The green powers were implemented by Lib Dem energy minister Chris Huhne who has now written to all local authorities inviting them to sell renewable energy to the national grid.

Previously, councils with small-scale green projects, such as wind turbines and solar panels, were banned from doing so.

But the decision to overturn the 34-year-old law means authorities have a financial incentive to invest in such schemes, with money generated used for local needs and frontline services.

Residents could also see council tax increases limited if enough cash is made through renewable electricity.

Mr Huhne said: "This is a vital step to making community renewable projects commercially viable, to bring in long-term income to benefit local areas, and to secure local acceptance for low carbon energy projects."

Dover District Council already has its own mini wind turbine which recently produced 5,027kWh of electricity and saved 2,699kg of carbon dioxide in 124 days.

A council spokesman said the authority has applied for Feed in Tariff (FIT) accreditation and is awaiting more information.

"The Government has indicated that this could be a payment of 24.1p for every kWh generated," he said.

This amount would be in addition to the price paid to the council per kWh for electricity produced or savings made by the council for using electricity it generates itself.

In 2009, Kent County Council's energy team provided a total of £500,000 in grants for 10 schools' renewable energy projects.

In 2008, Sandwich Technology School installed a 5kW wind turbine, which generates an estimated 8,700kWh and saves five tonnes of carbon dioxide per year.

But projects on a larger scale could be introduced after Mr Huhne said up to £200 million of income nationally could be brought in through energy schemes.

Steve Dawe, from the Kent Green Party, said every town hall could become a mini-power station as councils opt for environmental projects to feed power into the national grid for a cash return.

"The legal ban on local authorities supplying electricity imposed in 1976 was absurd," he said.

"Removing this barrier would mean each council in Kent and Medway would no longer have to work through other organisations to generate power, but could now press on directly with developing money-saving schemes.

"Several councils have already developed renewable energy schemes that can generate over 600,000kWh of wind, tidal or solar energy locally, but the Local Government

Eco energy set to boost coffers

Act prevented them from selling electricity not produced alongside heat."

But while Kent Green Party welcomed the change, its members fear it could be watered down if energy companies afraid of the competition chose to lobby Government.

Mr Dawe added: "There is also a general problem of scarce funds for such investment given excessive cuts already imposed upon and planned for local government."

But Gary Porter, chairman of the Local Government Association's environment board, said the move is a victory for councils who want to transform the provision of green power.

"Town halls are desperate to install solar panels and other renewable energy measures on millions of buildings," he said.

"This has the potential to revolutionise the way we produce electricity and save huge amounts of money."



MONEY SPINNER: Energy projects such as wind turbines could earn councils cash



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Green school up for building gong

UPTON Primary School's classrooms in Bexley have been shortlisted for a national building award.

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The new school was opened in March and has been designed to maximise natural daylight and ventilation.

It boasts a number of innovative features, including flexible teaching and learning areas to allow for work between classes and across year groups with direct links from classrooms to outside learning areas. Each classroom also has its own planted bed that will be cultivated by the children.

The school is heated by a bio-mass boiler which is a low-carbon technology using wood pellets as a renewable energy source.

Heating throughout the school is supplied via low-temperature underfloor heating.

By **MARIJKE COX**

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IT HAS long been a topic of debate, dividing opinion and sparking old-age rivalry between the two ends of the country.

But the north-south divide is now being presented through art, with paintings highlighting the differences of both areas.

Figurative painter Andy Holyer is behind the work, which is being exhibited at The Grand, in Folkestone, until Monday.

The display spans the past 25 years of his life, focusing on his time living in Yorkshire and more recently, his move back to Kent.

The 50-year-old, from Romney Marsh, said the exhibition is a contrast between industrial northern living and the space of the south. "I think a lot changes between north and south," he said. "This is shown through my paintings, as I use bright azure colours for the south and darker colours for the north."

"My work is not political, but the darker colours represent industrial living in the 80s from when I was there."

"The paintings I do are about the environment we live in – our traditions, our cultures."

Mr Holyer said the display creates a rare opportunity for people to view a retrospective exhibition of his work spanning 25 years, showing his interpretation of local culture, history and mythology.

"Having moved back to Romney Marsh and having lived in urban environments, I've been able to really see the differences," he said. "I'm very excited by the area and always knew I'd come back."

Mr Holyer, who worked as a social worker and also taught art, said when he was living in Yorkshire he took his art seriously.

"Once I was back down here I started painting more for pleasure," he said. "I'm not trying to make philosophical and political points

Artist pictures the north-south divide



Picture: GRAHAM RYE

DIFFERENCES: Andy Holyer's work combines dark and light to represent north and south, as shown in *Dungeness Dance*, above

through my work. It is now more self-indulgent – painting the place I love."

Mr Holyer said he hoped his exhibition would attract different types of people.

"This is not high brow just for the London elite. I'm not painting for them," he said. "It's not that my work is twee, I just want to attract all members of the public."

Mr Holyer gave his support to the regeneration of Folkestone and the Creative Quarter.

"There are not many places in the South East that exhibit work," he said. "With the regeneration this can change."

"If places in the north like Leeds and Wakefield can do it then Kent can do it, too."

"Folkestone regeneration is vital, even for those who don't give a monkey's about art – if you make the place a cultural environment education will follow."

• See www.andyholyer.com for details.

Star visits cattery

X FACTOR runner-up Ben Mills will be the special guest when the RSPCA Ashford Garden Cattery in Station Road holds an open day.

The event runs from 11am-4pm next Saturday and Mills, from Whitstable, will be there for the start, when he will meet the staff, volunteers and visitors before visiting all the cats and kittens in the cattery.

There will also be a raffle, stalls, a barbecue and animal microchipping for £10.

Hazardous waste

HEALTH chiefs are seeking the views of patients on how to dispose of hazardous waste after home treatments.

Although most small dressings can be thrown away with domestic rubbish, certain clinical waste needs to be disposed of safely.

NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent community services is now calling on the public to submit their views based on two options.

The first looks to provide nurses with equipment to carry clinical waste away, with a collection service for larger amounts at set times. The cost would be £350,000-£450,000 a year.

A second option, costing £1m-£2m a year, would see a collection service that would call after the nurse has visited, meaning waste would have to be stored on the patients' property.

Patients would not be charged for either option. Views can be submitted to Sue Baldwin at Eastern and Coastal Kent Community Services, Trinity House, 110/120 Upper Pemberton, Eureka Business Parks, Ashford TN25 4AZ, call 01233 667725 or email Sue.Baldwin@nhs.net by September 7.

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Devastation worries as tree disease takes hold

ENVIRONMENTAL experts are warning of a disease that is killing conker trees and has echoes of the devastating blight that wiped out thousands of elm trees 50 years ago, **writes Ed Hill.**

The sight of brown and diseased horse chestnut trees in the middle of summer is becoming increasingly common. The trees, which produce conkers for children's fun in the autumn, are currently threatened by three major problems.

The most serious is bleeding canker. The symptoms appear as an orange-brown syrup oozing from the trunk of the tree. It can also sometimes be seen in the upper branches.

In serious cases the whole diameter of the trunk can be affected, leading to the tree's death in as little as three years.

Graham Majin from the independent video company Kershmedia, near Maidstone, recently noticed the trees outside his office looked like they were dying.

Affected

He decided to make a short film about the problem, showing some of the locally affected trees.

He said: "It really stood out that the trees had turned brown. After researching it, we realised it was happening all over the South East.

"The ones on the video are just a few that we saw, although it does seem a bit worse in the east of the county."

Another serious problem affecting the horse chestnut is the leaf miner moth. The insect's grubs primarily cause damage to the leaves of the tree, causing them to turn brown and drop off prematurely.

However, it is not thought the moth problem



PROBLEM: Horse chestnut trees (left) and conkers (above) are in danger as the diseases and pests spread rapidly (right)



ultimately kills the trees, and they can recover.

The tree is also affected by the leaf blotch fungus, which, although relatively harmless, does cause unsightly brown marking in the foliage.

Unfortunately, the problems for the horse chestnut can also look like the symptoms caused by a dry summer, meaning many people at first may not realise a tree in their garden has a problem.

Mr Majin said: "We were videoing one tree down near the Medway when a local homeowner came out to ask what we were doing.

"They had not even realised their own tree was affected. They just thought it was drought."



The problem echoes the devastating effects of Dutch elm disease, which wiped out almost the entire UK population of the species in the late 60s and early 70s.

It is also thought it could have links to another phenomenon known as sudden oak death syndrome. Despite its name, the infection attacks many types of tree and shrubs and is thought to spread rapidly through rhododendron bushes, infecting other plants.

The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers based at the Singleton Environment Centre in Ashford said members had noticed the problem was increasing but they had not yet carried out a survey.

The environmental group says it is looking for more volunteers to be tree wardens who monitor woodland in their local area.

To find out how to become a warden, contact Fiona Houghton on 01233 666519 or at f.houghton@btvc.org.uk.

Reserve heralds a breeding first

BITTERNS have bred for the first time at Dungeness RSPB reserve.

Staff at the reserve have been watching classic breeding behaviour by a female making regular visits to one area of a reedbed, bringing food to her chicks.

Up to six bitterns were present on the site last winter and a male started 'booming' in early April, continuing through to late June.

This distinctive call helps establish territories and attract mates.

Up to three birds have been seen throughout the summer – they are thought to be a male and two females.

RSPB site manager Bob Gomes said: "Up until last year we had had bitterns wintering here, but they always left for Europe to breed."

The first breeding of bitterns at Dungeness RSPB follows a five-year project to enhance the reserve's reedbeds – the bird's primary habitat.

Nuclear reactor get back on line

ONE of the two reactors at Dungeness nuclear power station is back up and running after more than 300,000 hours of repair and maintenance.

Unit 21 at the B reactor came back online last week – at full capacity the station is able to generate enough electricity for 1.5 million homes.

The unit was out of action while inspections were carried out on the boilers. It only came back online when the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate gave its consent for a restart.

Dungeness B station director Graham Finn said: "These were technically challenging inspections, but we're pleased to say no problems were identified."

Hundreds of thousands of man-hours were spent on the maintenance, and there were no injuries to staff or contractors.

A small fire had broken out at the neighbouring Unit 22 in November last year, temporarily leaving the reactor offline.

Trio jailed for spate of burglaries

THREE serial offenders have been jailed after admitting carrying out a string of burglaries across Medway.

Aaron Harris, Obie Redsell and Aaron Wren, all 21 and from Gillingham, were arrested in connection with a spate of crimes across the towns.

The trio targeted at least six homes in eight days, starting at Bankside, Chatham, on Wednesday, April 28, and ending in Sandown Drive, Gillingham, on Thursday, May 6.

They stole a number of items, including televisions, computers, mobile phones, games consoles, tools, cash and vehicles.

Ringleader Harris, of Canterbury Street, asked for six further offences of burglary to be taken into consideration and was sentenced to 27 months in jail.

Redsell, of Leslie Road, was given a 16-month prison term and Wren, of Livingstone Road, was jailed for eight months.

They were all sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court on Thursday, August 19.

Det Con Chris Weatherstone said: "Wren, Harris and Redsell showed absolutely no regard for people's property or possessions."

Youngsters fight for diabetes awareness

CHILDREN with diabetes have spoken out about the bullying and discrimination they receive over their need for injections and insulin pumps.

Youngsters fed up with being treated differently by classmates and teachers have joined a campaign calling for better care and support for those with the condition.

The Children's Charter initiative has been launched by Diabetes UK, which hopes to gather thousands of signatures for a petition to be delivered to the Government this autumn.

According to the charity, there are 20,000 children under the age of 15 who suffer from Type 1 diabetes in the UK, with a further 2,000 diagnosed every year.

Fourteen-year-old Gravesend schoolgirl Maddi Sainsbury is supporting the campaign.

She said: "When I feel ill at school I'm always asked to test my blood, even though I know what I'm feeling has nothing to do with diabetes.

"I was cross at not being able to go on a trip in Year 7 because the school was unwilling to train someone to use a blood-testing kit, and they still have not trained anyone specifically.

"Also, at Guides my patrol leader gave some chocolate to everyone, but gave less to me because of my diabetes, even though my mum explained it was up to me what I ate and how much.

"I understand the patrol leader had the best intentions but it made me feel different."

According to Diabetes UK, half the children questioned in the study said they needed to talk to someone about coping with diabetes.

They also raised fears about complications, bullying and the impact on family.

The Children's Charter sets out 10 policy statements representing what the charity believes must happen to ensure high-quality care is given to young sufferers, focusing particularly on emotional

wellbeing. Chief executive Douglas Smallwood said: "There is a lot of misunderstanding and ignorance that can lead to bullying or discrimination.

"The emotional impact of diabetes on children's wellbeing is a very serious issue."

Visit www.diabetes.org.uk/childrens charter to sign the petition.



SUFFERER: Maddi Sainsbury is signing the diabetes petition

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Care-users take control of cash

By **MARIJKE COX**

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ADULTS receiving social care though a pioneering scheme have urged others to sign up and get the freedom to live independently.

Those already enrolled in Kent County Council's direct payment service commended the system for enabling them to live their lives as they wish; with others saying the programme allowed them to fulfil their dreams.

The service involves payments from County Hall to people who have been assessed as needing help from social services, but who want to manage their own condition instead of receiving assistance directly from KCC.

In the 12 months to the end of March 2010, 2,613 residents received ongoing direct payments, with 143 taking a one-off amount.

The total spend was £17.9 million.

County Hall officials are now encouraging others to get involved.

Service-user Ian Devereux, said the scheme allowed him to have some sense of normality in his life after being struck down by a severe illness in 2007 that left him unable to walk.

"I remember being taken into A&E and a doctor giving me a shot of morphine," he said.

"The next thing I remember was a string of cards above my bed - I'd been in a coma."

He was discharged from Buckland Hospital in Dover three months later, but admits the care manager who saw him at home knew very little.

"He didn't really know what was going on. He realised very quickly that we had major problems, the biggest being how my wife was going to cope with me in my condition."

They looked at options and Mr Devereux decided to start 'self-directed support'.

He said: "The beauty of that system is that you've got a family life back, so you're getting back to some kind of normal routine."

Using the Kent Card - which is like a debit card - he was able to manage payments from KCC and bring in support from care companies as and when he needed it.

For others, the direct payment service has changed their lives completely.

Depressed

Martyn Styles, who was born deaf and later developed problems with his sight, said it had given him everything he could want.

"KCC helped me to get somebody called James in to support me," he said.

"I have direct payments so I receive the money and that's within my control. I have the responsibility for that and then I ask for support from James and pay him with that money.

"Before I had direct payments, I always had to stay at home and I felt quite depressed.

"The depression's gone. I come home and feel a lot happier, I have a good time."

Oliver Mills, managing director of Kent Adult Social Services said more people are choosing direct payments from KCC.

"Having this choice is important to many people who need help," he said. "Getting this money is a key way for them to have as much control as they want over the help they need."

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Flights of the navigator

THE man who guided Sir Winston Churchill on official business around the world will be plotting a course to the late Prime Minister's home in Kent next weekend.

For two years during the Second World War, Air Commodore John Mitchell acted as navigator with the crew of Churchill's personal aircraft and played an important role in transporting one of the most powerful men in the world to negotiations that changed the course of history.

Next Saturday he will be taking part in the Battle of Britain 70th anniversary commemorations at Chartwell in Westerham.

Air Cdre Mitchell will be signing copies of his new book, Churchill's Navigator, along with his co-author Sean Feast.

Readers can delve into the fascinating story of his long and exciting career, including his time in the company of the man who led Britain to victory over Hitler's Nazis.

Mr Feast said: "I was lucky because John wrote a diary, which was essential for the Churchill years, from 1943-45."

"Also, he has one of the best memories of anybody I've ever spoken to, so his ability to recall events was crystal clear. He also kept decent scrapbooks and photos of his time with 58 Squadron and in the States."

The project began when Mr Feast, who has written a number of books on the war, discovered that a friend had been buying all his publications on behalf of an elderly fan.

This keen reader turned out to be John Mitchell, a remarkable man with some truly interesting stories to tell. Unhappy with a previous book written about him decades ago, the retired airman was prepared to tell those stories once again and

Author Sean Feast gives reporter Jane Connolly a sneak preview of a highly decorated airman's personal encounters with a celebrated wartime leader and a monarch, which are contained in a new book he has co-written



the result, Churchill's Navigator, will be officially launched at Chartwell next weekend.

Now aged 91, Air Cdre Mitchell recalls his earliest days as an RAF Volunteer Reserve Officer, mobilised on the outbreak of war and posted to 58 Squadron, flying Whitleys.

He survived a tour of operations in 1940-41, but he and his crew were forced to ditch into the sea off North Foreland. They managed to get into a dinghy and were towed safely ashore at Margate, where Air Cdre Mitchell had to don temporary clothes salvaged from the town's mortuary.

He then spent time in the US working on the first navigation training simulators and was awarded the US Legion of Merit, signed by US President Harry Truman.

On his return to Britain in 1942, he was chosen to join the crew of a prototype Avro York named Ascalon, the aircraft which would take Churchill all around the globe.

The highly decorated navigator also flew King George VI on several occasions, yet he appeared to have taken these extraordinary encounters in his stride.

"If Churchill came and sat in the cockpit, so be it," said Mr Feast. "As long as there was no risk from that and it didn't threaten the safe operation of the aircraft."

Sometimes Churchill's forays into the cockpit caused problems, however, such as the time when the Prime Minister was in the co-pilot's seat and, unknown to him, his large belly was obstructing the pilot from

pulling the control column back far enough to bring the tail down.

It was recommended to Churchill that he sit at the navigator's table from then on, although he was never told the reason why.

Being under close scrutiny from the country's leader or the King became part of the job for Air Cdre Mitchell and his fellow crew.

"The King knew a lot about celestial navigation from his time in the Navy, so John said you had to be up on our game so you didn't make a fool of yourself," Mr Feast said.

Amusing stories in the book include the time that Churchill's personal physician, Lord Moran, fell asleep on board and ended up being locked in the aircraft all night.

Air Cdre Mitchell also revealed his feelings on being made a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (LVO), a gift from the King in exchange for services rendered.

Although he was greatly honoured, he says he had been hoping for a rather more practical gift of cufflinks.

After the Churchill years, Air Cdre Mitchell became an air attaché and enjoyed a colourful career that included an intelligence posting in Moscow and taking part in long-range exercises over the North Pole in the converted Lincoln, Aries III.

The authors will be signing copies of Churchill's Navigator, which is published by Grub Street and priced at £20, at Chartwell from 3pm next Saturday.

To reserve a signed copy, contact the Aviation Bookshop in Vale Road, Tunbridge Wells, on 01892 539284 or email info@aviation-bookshop.com.

The anniversary concert

Next Saturday National Trust property Chartwell (pictured) will host a concert of stirring music performed by the Central Band of the Royal Air Force.

Sponsored by Military History, the concert will mark the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain with a programme of memorable music chosen to reflect the atmosphere of the dramatic air battle. Archive video and images from the period will be shown on two giant screens, including Churchill's famous speech in which he paid tribute to The Few.

Special-effects supervisor Charlie Adcock will be adding to the atmosphere,



recreating the war's darkest days exactly 70 years after the start of the Blitz.

Fresh from the Channel 4 TV series Blitz

Street, Adcock – who comes from Sevenoaks – has also worked on films such as Casino Royale and 28 Weeks Later, along with popular TV shows Top Gear and Coronation Street.

When twilight falls, a Spitfire and a Hurricane from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight will fly overhead and the concert will finish in patriotic style with renditions of There'll Always Be an England, White Cliffs of Dover and We'll Meet Again.

The concert will support the Royal Air Force Association. Priced at £32, tickets are available online from www.synergyeventsuk.com and by calling 01959 572277.

MEN OF SUBSTANCE: (Above) author Sean Feast; Winston Churchill, a photo of whom was given to all of Ascalon's crew; John Mitchell at his navigator's station in Ascalon, which was such a curiosity to US ground crews that her take-off had to be delayed (below)



LETTERS

LETTER OF THE WEEK

Wild rant not really justified

The letter from C Russell on foxes sums up the mindset of the urban bunny-hugger, to whom the sighting of any wild animal is a rare and pleasant surprise.

I have sat 6ft from a family of foxes as they ate food put out for them in an urban garden. Indeed, I've seen more foxes in towns than I ever did when working on a farm.

The answer is simple – food.

Foxes, like many wild animals, are great scavengers and will seek the easiest source of food.

With plenty of discarded fast food and thin plastic rubbish bags, urban areas are ideal places for scavengers, be they foxes, pigeons, or gulls.

The foxes described in the letter were not 'respecting our presence'.

They were becoming bold – regular free food and no threat.

It is this boldness that has led to foxes entering houses and occasionally attacking people.

To put it bluntly, a baby is just easily acquired food for a fox. Encourage them and such incidents will increase, possibly with tragic results.

I am very keen on the conservation of our native wildlife, but I do not sentimentalise it, nor do I regard the countryside as a Disneyfied theme park.

Predator/prey, food chains, and the balance of nature will always exist.

The so-called Urban Foxhunters are abhorrent – just inadequate thugs who would, no doubt, equally enjoy bull or badger-baiting, or dog-fighting. Despite their criticism of traditional fox-hunting the RSPCA and the various animal rights groups seem unwilling to engage with such people.

In terms of wildlife welfare C Russell might consider her own ethical position in owning cats. They are responsible for the deaths of vast numbers of songbirds and small mammals every year, not to mention shredding rubbish bags.

To say that they are only obeying their natural instincts is no reason to justify their proliferation.

Cats are the only domestic pet allowed to wander freely in public, unsupervised. Odd logic – specks and planks in the eye come to mind.

Dave Stewart, Deal

Council takes some beating

I have been following your various stories about the overbearing activities of Medway Council, their spy cars, ciggy busters, permits to sell your own car, etc.

Did you know that they have been awarded the dubious accolade of 'Britain's most overbearing authority', by Big Brother Watch?

They have overtaken Labour's Sandwell Council, previously described as "the most bullying, hectoring and punitive local authority in Britain". Medway is judged to be even worse.

The link below which mentions Medway's status as Britain's most overbearing authority will take you to many other places where their activities are catalogued.

I hope you will bring their new

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OPINION: LONG ROAD TO NOWHERE

JON COATES realises just how lucky we are that our major traffic jams only last for a few hours, rather than a few weeks, like the recent queues in China

THE next time you are caught in a traffic jam on your way to work you might want to reflect on how lucky you are.

While that might sound a strange sentiment, we just need to look to the East to see that we should be counting our blessings.

For the last two weeks motorists have been queuing in 60-mile-long traffic jams on National Highway 110 in China.

Road works on the main motorway for coal and freight traffic into the capital city Beijing from north-west China began on August 13.

They resulted in a continual traffic jam for the last two weeks, which were predicted to continue throughout September.

During the worst day of the near standstill last Sunday, vehicles were reported to have moved less than a mile in a day.

Some of the motorists sat in the traffic jam for five days to get to Beijing, which makes congestion on the M25 or M20 pale into insignificance.

A vehicle fire that closed the Queen Elizabeth II bridge at the Dartford River Crossing for four hours during a Friday evening rush-hour earlier this month caused 30-mile-long traffic jams on the Essex side of the M25 and 10-mile-long jams stretching into west Kent.

But the congestion was cleared after a couple of hours.

A lorry crashing into a wall of the Dartford Tunnel a week later, forcing another closure, also caused a major traffic build-up, but again this was cleared soon after.

A friend caught in both traffic jams was left fuming, telling me this country was going to ruin and our motorways would soon all be gridlocked.

Now, while it is undoubtedly frustrating to be delayed on our way to work or taking the kids to school, I think we should all look at the broader picture.

We live increasingly busy lives and rely on our cars to fit everything into our packed daily schedules.

In doing so we have to accept that the increas-



GOING SLOW: The 60 miles of queueing traffic in China was moving at less than a mile a day along National Highway 110



ing number of vehicles on the road is going to cause congestion whenever there are road works or accidents.

But at least we know our emergency services and highways authorities will do all they can to resolve problems as soon as possible.

We, unlike the poor Chinese drivers, know we are going to get to our destinations – and in the same day.

Bizarrely, the monster traffic jam in China vanished into thin air on Thursday morning.

This has not been explained by the Chinese authorities, but it is believed the road works were removed to solve the nightmare traffic – which had hit the global headlines.

However, the poor motorists in the emerging super-power have been warned road works will return to National Highway 110 in the near future.

The reaction of drivers stuck in the monster jam was also interesting, as despite the traffic not moving at all for long periods, there were no incidents of violent road-rage.

Instead they played chess or cards at the side of the road, and drank tea at makeshift stalls which sprouted up along the highway.

I'd like to think we'd all be so tolerant in a similar situation, but I'm not convinced.

So the next time you're facing a delay on the roads and can feel your frustration building, it's probably worth thinking "well at least I'm not on National Highway 110".

found status to the attention of local people so they are aware of the sort of behaviour their hard earned taxes are funding. Go to www.bigbrotherwatch.org.uk/home/2010/08/the-council-wont-let-you-sell-your-own-car.html

Phil Jones, by email

Farmers part of natural plan

Now that harvest is under way it cannot have escaped your readers' notice that the county's farmers are working flat out to bring in our daily bread.

The fields are alive with combine harvesters and tractors bringing in this year's grain to feed people and farm animals across the land.

After harvest the cycle begins all over again with autumn cultivations. Stubble fields will be tilled or ploughed and the seeds of arable crops will be sown for the following year.

But if you don't see fields being ploughed up you may be seeing areas of what is called 'overwintered stubbles'. This land will not have

been abandoned. Farmers are increasingly providing habitats and food for farmland birds over the winter months.

This is a key aim of the Campaign for the Farmed Environment and the county's farmers are really getting behind this initiative to boost farmland bird numbers.

Doug Wanstall, Kent chairman of the Campaign for the Farmed Environment

Hot pursuit is meaningless

I refer to last weekend's paper and the item by your reporter Marijke Cox about the camera van and initiatives to persuade motor cyclists not to speed on Kent roads.

I have been trying for years to persuade successive chief constables to put speed checks in operation on the Appledore Road in Tenterden which is used every weekend as a race track by irresponsible riders.

Why waste money on catching them if, despite the fact that they are breaking the law, they are then

not prosecuted. If they are too stupid to worry about getting killed a slap on the wrist is not going mean a thing.

Peter Lake, Tenterden

KPA a law to themselves

I have read the reply from Ann Barnes to my response "they should work for free" on the Kent Police authority.

Ann makes no reference to 'their' civic duty (reason for being a KPA member) so pay is the motive, or certainly helps with getting the right calibre of members.

My response is, who are the 'independent remuneration authority', where are they from, and who appoints and pays them?

The chief executive of the KPA and the 'part-time' treasurer earns £161,966.63; is that value for money for a chief exec that simply monitors Kent Police performance?

All Kent County Council councillors on the KPA board also receive in addition to their KPA allowance of between £9,234-15,234



STI figures rise is sadly predictable

FIGURES showing a massive rise in the number of young people with chlamydia should come as a shock.

But even with numerous campaigns promoting safe sex, sadly, these figures aren't surprising.

With girls and boys having sex younger and studies showing today's women have had more partners than their sexually liberated peers in the swinging sixties, the statistics are depressingly predictable.

Now the NHS has rolled out a screening programme for chlamydia, urging people to come forward for tests – targeting what they know is inevitable.

Years ago no-one had even heard of chlamydia – now almost a quarter of a million people have it. And to make matters worse the infection has no symptoms, making it easy for people to stick their heads in the sand.

With no horrific symptoms it is more likely for people to continue with their daily lives oblivious to the damage being caused to their health.

But with the risk of infertility, not getting tested is a gamble, whether you have had two sexual partners or 20.

Sexual health tests may not be the most pleasant thing in the world, but if people choose not to get checked, their future could be ruined.

The rainy day blues

THERE are some things us Brits are good at and there are some things us Brits are great at; two of which are queueing and moaning about the weather.

And as with almost every other Bank Holiday, we are being given the chance, yet again, to show off these skills.

Not only will there almost surely be traffic jams as we try to squeeze in a last-minute break, we are all no doubt expecting the staple Bank Holiday rain which will allow us to moan to our hearts content.

Rumours have it, however, there could be sunshine on the horizon, but there's one more thing we're good at: pessimism.

a payment from KCC. Neither of those allowances or salaries above suggests to me that any of them are facing any 'hardships'.

I will gladly become a member of the team, for free.

Fact is councillors already get paid from the public purse, why do these councillors need paying again on the KPA if it is reconfigured?

I will not get drawn on Ann's contention that crime is down in Kent, I will let the general public have a debate about that with Ann.

How is it that 'we' have saved millions on a joint venture with Essex police – can 'we' have details please?

Ann Barnes attempt to compare the KPA to other authorities, it is like comparing one dictator to another and suggesting that one is better at disposal than the other, and that makes them efficient.

As a reduction proposal, how much are the KPA going to cut their allowances and wages in 2010-11?

Ann is happy we are having a debate; so am I, but I hope we continue with more accountability and detail.

Kenneth Little, Whitstable

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

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BIRTHS

ARGIVIER

Francette and Stephane Argivier celebrate the birth of their baby daughter Oceane Argivier on 19th August 2010

AUJILA

Henley Ethan George Aujila was born on 9th August 2010 weighing 9lbs 2oz. Beautiful son to Claire and Thomas and baby brother to Ethan and George.

BEDFORD

Tim and clare are delighted to announce the birth of their son Jack William Bedford a brother for Isabel Hannah. Jack was born at 1.56 pm at Darent Valley Hospital and weighed 8lb 50z.

BODY

Gemma and Gavin Body celebrate the birth of their son Samuel Ethan born on the 9th August 2010, weighing 6lb 15oz.

BURGESS

Steven and Melissa Burgess of Faversham, welcomes the arrival of Sophie Margaret Burgess, born 16th August 2010, loving sister for Robert.

DEGIORGIO

Tilly born on 16th July 2010 weighing 8lbs 15.5ozs. Daughter to Kirsty and Steve and sister to Fern, born in Maidstone Hospital

FROST

Chris and Karina are delighted to announce the birth of their son Hayden Connor Frost who was born at 5.40 pm on the 2nd August 2010 and weighed 8lb 1 oz.

GAMBRELL

James and Karen Gambrell celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter Allana Emily Charlotte on the 5th August 2010.

MCALLISTER

Shona Ann McAllister born on the 7th August 2010 at the William Harvey Hospital, weighing 8lbs 4oz. Beautiful daughter to Brian and Faith

MCCULLOUGH

Tina and Leo celebrate the birth of their baby daughter Isla Mia McCullough on 11th August 2010, weighing 3lb 9oz.. Baby sister to Vicky, Daniel and Chloe.

OVENS

Christopher and Michelle of Ramsgate are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Henry John Ovens. Henry was born on 5th August 2010 weighing 8lb 14oz.

STIFF

Robert and Deborah Stiff are proud to announce the safe arrival of James Harry Stiff on 11th August 2010, weighing 6lbs 1oz.

STRICKETT

Laura and Adam are pleased to announce the birth of their son Ethan on 12th July 2010 weighing 8lbs 12ozs. Little brother to Bethany and Madelyn.

WARRAICH

We are pleased to announce the birth of our baby son born on the 18th of August 2010. We are naming him in loving memory of his grandfather who passed away two weeks ago.

DEATHS

BARTY

Neil Barty passed away peacefully after a long illness bravely borne on Wednesday 18th August 2010 aged 43 years. He leaves many happy memories for all his family and friends. The funeral will be held at Bobbing Crematorium on 31st August. No flowers but donations to Kings College Hospital Liver Research c/o John Weir Funeral Directors Rainham Kent.

HUMPHREYS

Maureen Esme Humphreys nee Stanton passed away peacefully in hospital on the 15th August 2010 aged 84 years. Dearly loved Mother of Carolyn and Andrew.

LOCK

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Emily Lock nee Wright who passed away peacefully on 17th August 2010. In loving memory of a dear Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Always in our thoughts.

MASON

Eileen (Mollie) Mason nee Pinto, aged 95, died 5th August. Will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Contact Viner and Sons West Malling for further information.

PEARSON

Raymond died peacefully at The Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury on Wednesday, 18th August 2010 aged 65. He will be sadly missed by his wife Yvonne, son Ian, family and many friends. Funeral service to take place on Wednesday, 1st September at 11:30am at St Pauls Church, Church Street (St Pauls), Canterbury followed by committal at Barham Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations if wished to The Pilgrims Hospice c/o C W Lyons, 70 Military road, Canterbury, CT1 1ND. Telephone 01227 463508

to see some initiative taken and a good attitude towards survival.

I had a mortgage and two boys to support. I was made redundant with three days' notice. The only job which was immediately available was a cleaner for public toilets – I took the job and bided my time.

Eventually I found a job more befitting my qualifications, but at least I fed my children and paid the bills.

If you do not help yourself no-one else will.

England has put up with lazy people for too long. Now we have to change, and for the better.

There are jobs out there, just don't be so fussy, be part of society and your community and work for a living. Even if it is voluntary you will be surprised how much pleasure it gives to help others.

I know as I have been doing part-time voluntary work for six years now and love it.

C Russell, Ramsgate

Hidden agenda of changing the vote

When it comes to voting methods Tories may prefer a double-cross.

David Cameron has had to ditch positions on Europe, defence, immigration and crime as part of his arrangement with Nick Clegg.

One Tory minister recently confided that Ukup could win 10 per cent or more first-preference votes under the alternative voting system.

If Euro sceptic Tory voters knew that, they could safely do this as a protest while putting the Conservatives as their second choice.

Victor Webb, Rusthall

Blair's generosity a hollow gesture

There's been much controversy over former Prime Minister Tony Blair's new book and also his much publicised intention to give the proceeds to soldiers' charities.

The comments on his YouTube video advert for the book were so strong they had to be disabled. So how can we view such largesse from our former PM?

Firstly, there was no need for Blair to characteristically precede his charitable donation with a blare [no pun intended] of trumpets.

Even as a pseudo Christian, he should remember Matthew 6: 1-4 about giving charity in secret and only then will the Father reward you.

Secondly, if we are all so keen to donate to charities like the British Legion, it's much more cost-effective to cut out the middle men and give directly.

Also it saves having to read the book.

Thirdly, if Mr Blair really had any concern for our troops he should have shown it when they were short of helicopters, body armour, armoured trucks and just about everything else.

And lastly, this man claims to be a socialist and a Christian. He has proved by his own actions to be neither and in fact just the opposite, so how can we believe anything that comes out of his mouth.

Phil Granger, West Malling

Homing in on the housing problem

During the recent general election the housing crisis was barely mentioned by the political parties and yet there are over a million children living in overcrowded homes.

We are now building fewer homes than at any time since World War Two.

That's why I am supporting the National Housing Federation's campaign which is calling on housing minister Grant Shapps to safeguard the provision of social rented and affordable homes.

We cannot afford to let this housing crisis become a housing disaster.

Marion Heslop, Tunbridge Wells

Getting deprived teenagers hooked

Angling enthralls more than four million people in the UK and the Countryside Alliance Foundation is having great success in inspiring youngsters to take part through an exciting initiative called Fishing for Schools.

The Countryside Alliance Foundation's Fishing for Schools project takes young people between the ages of 14-16 with special educational needs and introduces them to our waterways.

These children find academic work particularly difficult, but respond well to alternative learning.

The aim is to teach them the skills of fly-fishing and in doing so explore and enjoy other areas within the natural world.

Fishing for Schools has been purpose built to offer skills and confidence to young people who often never attain their true potential, providing great fun along the way.

Feedback from earlier courses has revealed a dramatic difference in the behaviour of many participants.

More than 350 disadvantaged children have benefited from the course. Another 120 young people have enjoyed the course this year alone from schools across England and Wales.

As a lifelong angler I am passionate about this; it is a great way to introduce youngsters to our beautiful waterways.

Charles Jardine,

The Countryside Alliance Foundation

Stopping draw of vending machines

The Government has just announced it may not implement a new law to scrap cigarette vending machines and tobacco displays in shops.

Yet we know vending machines are an easy source of cigarettes for children and that they are encouraged to smoke through the slick marketing in tobacco displays.

With 40 per cent of adult smokers, or ex-smokers, starting smoking before they were 16, it's clear we need to do more to stop our children taking up this deadly habit.

That's why I, along with thousands of others, am supporting the British Heart Foundation's campaign to ensure the Government implements this law to protect our children from the dangers of smoking.

Andrea Dennis, Tonbridge

Paying price of the wealthy Eurocrat

It has been revealed that the 35,000 bureaucrats of the EU are on course for three pay rises in the next 12 months, boosting their already extortionate salaries up by more than five per cent.

Even though families across Europe are being called to make sacrifices in helping their countries come out of the recession, Brussels bureaucrats need more money.

It's good to see how Britain's £45 million a day contribution to the EU is being used, which should be helping poorer families in this county during the recession.

To illustrate how extortionate the salaries of these Eurocrats are: last month it emerged more than 1,000 were paid more than our Prime Minister, whose £142,500 is dwarfed by Herman Van Rompuy earning £245,000 plus expenses as EU president.

To add to this, the EU has also opened a luxurious Embassy in Washington, with another 140 planned in all.

This vast expansion derives directly from the powers transferred from the nations to Brussels in the Lisbon Treaty.

Clearly, the EU is not representing the people of Britain and it is not value for money. It should now be up to the British public in a referendum, whether Britain should continue to take part in this hypocrisy.

Stephen Trafford,

Ukip Sittingbourne and Sheppey secretary

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Creator's message falling on deaf ears

I didn't read the original letter from Phil Granger about a 'godless society' in need of Bible guidance.

But I feel Clive Wilkins-Oppler, in his reply of August 8, has a one-sided view of God.

Yes, God is a 'just Creator', and his command to us is, 'Be holy because I am holy'.

He totally abhors the evil mess we have made of this world.

We have the free will to reject God and not believe in him, but God is not willing that any of us should turn away from him.

Jesus came to live a life which shows us the compassionate, loving side of God's nature, and we have a choice of accepting that love or not.

The God I see in the Bible is awesome and righteous, caring deeply for his creation.

He fulfils his promises, one of which (in Revelation, chapter 21) says that at the end God will be with his people and "wipe away all tears from their eyes".

Rosemary Brown, Whitstable

Continue support for victims of flood

The floods in Pakistan are now worse than Haiti's earthquake in January, 2010, the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, and the 2005 Kashmir earthquake combined.

An area the size of England has been left underwater with 20 million people affected.

Such a massive sustained disaster calls for a massive sustained response and the remarkable generosity of the British public has reflected this need.

Donations to DEC, an organisation that

coordinates responses to overseas disasters, have now reached £33 million and the committee this week announced that for the first time in its 45-year history donations rose rather than fell during the second week of an appeal.

So far, these outstanding donations have allowed the DEC member agencies and their partners to help more than 800,000 people.

Oxfam have already reached more than 200,000 people, providing them with vital hygiene kits, water tanks, food and shelter.

However, large numbers of people are yet to be reached with the assistance they need and the threat of deadly water-borne diseases compounds the suffering. Moreover in some regions the threat of further flooding persists.

As a result, the continuing high level of donations is critically important and any amount received by the DEC will play a vital role in helping the millions of people who have lost their entire livelihoods in this overwhelming disaster.

To make a donation to the DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal call the 24-hour hotline on 0370 60 60 900, visit www.dec.org.uk or donate over the counter at any post office or high street bank, or send a cheque. You can also donate £5 by texting the word GIVE to 70707.

Mary Frampton, Oxfam

You can only help yourself to work

I believe the long-term unemployed will become the targeted people in Britain.

I sympathise with the many unfortunate people who, through no fault of their own, have recently become unemployed.

Having been in the working sector for 51 years I have experienced forced unemployment many times.


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52YR old single mum, 5ft 5ins, blonde, brown eyes, kind, caring, smoker, overweight, seeks kind, caring, understanding male who likes history, theatre, cinema, meals out and coach trips. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380578

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41YR old attractive female, fun, loyal, loving, slim, dark hair, tanned, professional, GSOH, likes most things, seeks solo mate for company and LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380986

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CAZ 38, curvy size 14, long hair, brown eyes, hopeless romantic, loves life, seeks charming likeminded guy for fun loving friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340919

FEMALE 50, slim, fit, brunette, hazel eyes, easygoing, loves swimming, beach, nature, spiritual, not materialistic, seeks solo mate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340515

LINDA larger lady 61 seeks male for company and time out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340701

CHRISTINE affectionate tactile blonde, likes cosy pubs, seeks romantic good looking older guy to get to know and see what the future brings. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340893

DENISE 40, feminine vivacious blonde seeks charming likeminded guy who enjoys life, love and lots of kissing. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340889

GEMMA beautiful blonde eyed brunette, 26, up for anything seeks well built guy to make her laugh and put some fun back into life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340887

SANDRA 58, 5ft 2ins, short hair, size 10-12, divorced, OHAC, solvent, likes cooking, gym, nights out, seeks male for companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340421

FEMALE 51, short dark brown hair, 5ft 6ins, medium build, likes travel, classical music, seeks male, 45-55 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381010

ANGELA 38, pretty petite brunette, happy and very friendly, seeks attractive guy who has plenty of fun ideas. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340895

WANTED dates & males! Kim 53, straight, seeks people for socialising, drinking, holidays etc. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340019

LINDA larger lady 61, seeks male companionship with own home. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340013

GILL statusless beauty, tactile, sun loving brunette, seeks very tall, well built male who's looking for an uncomplicated relationship with a real woman. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340253

KIRSTY 21, petite blue eyed blonde, a little shy, looking to share intimate moments with that special understanding someone. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340251

JANE 25, fun flirty brunette, loves football/bowling seeks bubbly guy for exciting adventures and adult fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340249

FEMALE 51, short brown hair, 5ft 6ins, medium build, likes travel, classical music, seeks male, 45-55 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380866

PROFESSIONAL black African female, 45, medium build, no ties, seeks professional, intelligent guy 40-55 for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339917

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KERRY 39, independent curvy brunette, sensual, tactile, loves cuddles and kisses, seeks cheeky, spontaneous guy to keep her company make her smile again. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340283

EXOTIC green eyed blonde, 45, missing a tall, handsome, affectionate man in her life to share discreet, naughty but fun times with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340281

SOPHIA 19, small, sensual strawberry blonde, green eyes looking for fun and romance with a genuine brown haired, blue eyed male who knows how to treat a girl. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340257

LADY 70's, N/S, fit, easygoing, seeks gent to share the good things in life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340027

RHONA 50, well mannered, polite, bubbly, old fashioned, seeks male, 50-55, N/S with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339759

41YR old slim blonde, seeks kind, reliable male for LTR. Are all the good ones gone? Prove me wrong! Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340339

GLADYS sensual, loving, short hair, likes cooking, seeks Christian gent with no ties for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340025

LARGER lady, 61, WLTm solvent gent with own home for companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339471

PETITE lady, early 70's, 5ft 3ins, nice figure, well dressed, likes day out, music, meals out, nights in, keep fit, seeks N/S gent 69-74. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339483

SYLVIA 43, beautiful, petite blue eyed blonde, fit and active seeks attractive male to share relaxing nights in with good wine, great company, hopefully more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339727

ANNA 32, loves male company and looking for fun times, seeks tall good looking guy to sweep her off her feet and just enjoy the time. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339725

LINDA larger lady 61, likes tv, gardening, seeks male for time out and company. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338857

LUCY 30, chatty, bubbly brunette, shy until you get to know me, looking for a hunky male to get to know. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339929

ANNE 46, slim, N/S, honest, kind, reliable, seeks slim-medium build male, 42-50 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339747

39YR old single mum, blonde hair, green eyes, 5ft 2ins, curvy, likes socialising, pubs, animals, clubs, seeks loyal male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380702

SENSITIVE caring female, likes meals out, countryside, coast, driving, gardening, seeks male, 58-64 for caring relationship maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380450

CAROLE 52, long chestnut hair, attractive, 5ft 4ins, medium build, likes travel, animals, countryside, seeks Scottish male, under 57 with hair. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380448

FUN young looking, attractive female, 49, GSOH, kind, caring, seeks male, 45-55 for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338267

BRIGHT bubbly, curvy blonde, bit of a romantic, seeks loving male to share the fun loving side of life with. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338461

PASSIONATE nature loving lady, petite with long blonde hair looking for nice guy to spend quality time with and see how it goes. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338433

JENNY 44, attractive, slim and vivacious, would love to be seduced by an attractive, genuine, loving guy. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339703

CHERYL 40's, beautiful green eyed gal, very loving, seeks tall romantic male who thinks he can satisfy all her dreams. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339701

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SAM beautiful slim brunette, big blue eyes, seeks attractive, intelligent, sporty male who knows how to have fun to sweep her off her feet. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339695

LIZ 62, 5ft 8ins, retired, seeks tall male of similar age for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380754

SINGLE fun loving female, 47, kind, caring, bubbly, GSOH, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cooking, walks, seeks male, 39-49 for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336879

LARGER lady, 61, WLTm caring, affectionate male for nights out, friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338183

TALL slim, attractive lady, late 60's, genuine, likes socialising, meals out, music, animals, seeks male, 65-70 for company, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380476

ROMANTIC male needed by Vera, 42, beautiful, sexy brunette looking for fun and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338925

49YR old divorced female, 5ft 2ins, blonde hair, 3 children, seeks male, 48-52 for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338795

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JENNY 45, slim blonde with big blue eyes seeks special someone to brighten up her days and live on her nights. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339003

COME and join me for a bottle of wine in a hot spa bath!! Need to be spontaneous too! Outgoing, confident and good looking! Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339001

JAN 54, little auburn haired bundle of fun, wicked sense of humour, looking for uncomplicated fun with a tall dark haired male. Age/status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338933

ATTRACTIVE slim blonde, early 60's, GSOH, likes most things, fed up of kissing frogs, seeks genuine, caring male of similar age to share the good things. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336515

GEORGIE 45, curvy, tactile blonde, bubbly and chatty looking for broadminded, fun loving, mature male. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335563

DIANE 42, petite size 12, loyal, kind, no ties, knows exactly what she wants, seeks attractive, male for fun times, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338435

43YR old female, petite, 5ft 1ins, single mum, OHAC, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337351

PAM 33, pretty, kind, loving brunette seeks funny, laidback male for relaxing fun times with no ties. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337273

MANDY 40, petite, curvy brunette, big green eyes, seeks someone nice to share lots of cards, TLC and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337271

NICK 43, petite blonde, green eyes, seeks genuine guy for company, fun, friendship and maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339115

FEMALE single mum, seeks male, 30-45 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339445

JANET 42, petite brunette, very loving, seeks tall well built passionate older male who can keep up with her vivacious nature but be loved in return. Discretion assured. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339733

ELENA 33, generous warm hearted blonde girl, bubbly and outgoing would love to spread her wings with tall good looking older dark haired gent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339731

FRAN young 52, happy go lucky, warm and cuddly, seeks similar kind male for a loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338457

VAL outgoing, compassionate brunette, enjoys life to the full, seeks someone nice to share good times, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338931

WANTED! Good looking, well built, honest male to make gorgeous curvy brunette, 28, happy again. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338455

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ALI 25, petite with long brown hair and blue eyes, happy personality, knows what she wants, looking for dishy older guy to sweep her off her feet. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335551

41YR old female, medium build, likes gym, walks, cinema, meals out, seeks kind hearted gent for fun times, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336161

SARAH attractive, slim, 5ft 5ins, brunette, likes pubs, walks, travel, seeks male, 30-38 who is caring, exciting, confident and attractive. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337581

SHIRLEY 74, 5ft 6ins, attractive, N/S, varied interests, seeks similar aged N/S male to share interests and time. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337889

39YR old lady, seeks 30-35yr old male, romantic, sincere and honest. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380382

YVETTE 46, attractive, blonde, blue eyes, likes keep fit, seeks younger male with GSOH for serious fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337925

PAT 64, petite, brown hair, blue eyes, young at heart, N/S, bubbly, likes music, travel, cooking, seeks likeminded gent of similar age for friendship, possible romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337435

WOULDN'T it be nice? Cheerful female, late 60's, dog owner, likes gardening, walks, conversation, laughter, seeks similar. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337601

FEMALE 44, kind, generous, GSOH, genuine, caring, loving, likes animals, cinema, reading, walks, seeks similar male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338379

SUE 39, petite fun loving brunette, seeks tall, outgoing male who is full of surprises to keep her entertained. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338453

LARGER lady seeks gent, 60's for nights out, friendship and who knows. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338517

DEBBIE 35, fun friendly brunette, lovely figure looking for similar attractive male for adult fun friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338431

MICHELLE 40, cuddly, bubbly brunette, up for anything, seeking average/well built male who knows how to enjoy life. Maybe with me! Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338429

DEBORAH 41, intelligent brunette, lovely brown eyes, discreet, many interests, seeks similar male to share fun and good conversation. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336721

CAROLE petite, slim, long blonde hair, green eyes, attractive, likes sports, nights out, pubs, meals out, cinema, theatre, music, seeks genuine, honest male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337515

LINDA 45, seeks caring, understanding, hardworking gent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338677

LISA 41, 5ft, black hair, brown eyes, curvy, divorced, tactile, attractive, GSOH, seeks genuine, grubby builder with rough hands and big heart to cherish. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337609

OUTGOING male needed to end bored and lonely evenings by lovely, curvy brunette, 41, wanting to try love again. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337367

MARIAN 48, charming brunette, slim and hopelessly romantic seeks easy going, laid back male to cherish and share an uncomplicated, relaxed relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337365

MISCHA 60, blonde hair, blue eyes, well built, likes countryside, shows, films, walks, boat sales, home life, cooking, seeks likeminded male, 60-70 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337849

MICHELLE 40, petite curvy brunette, cheeky and full of fun, seeks funny easygoing male to keep her company. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337849

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PASSIONATE male, tactile female companion, would you like to join me for discreet fun and adult humour. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341493

MALE 48, 5ft 10ins, slim, N/S, short hair, GSOH, likes nights in/out, cinema, meals out, seeks female, 42-52 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341489

ITALIAN male, 54, 5ft 8ins, medium build, kind, caring, likes socialising, family life, seeks female, 40 plus, slim-medium build for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341477

BUBBLY male, joker, seeks female for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341415

ATTRACTIVE fit, black/mixed race male, passionate about music, film, history, art, GSOH, solvent, down to earth, seeks female, 40-49. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341407

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New mediation training course

VOLUNTEERS who want to help solve disputes between people are invited to attend a four-day training course next month.

Run by Maidstone Mediation, the sessions will enable those who attend to help children who are being bullied, are victims of crime, and more.

The course starts on Wednesday, September 22.

Call 01622 692843 for more information.

Uni students' innovative bid

ENTREPRENEURS from the University of Kent will represent the UK in a Dragons' Den-style international competition.

Sinan Assaf and Ben Giambrone qualified for the Global Student Business Concept Challenge in the USA by winning the university's own contest in June.

The winners of the event in Blacksburg, Virginia, will receive a \$25,000 grand prize.

Carole Barron – director of innovation and enterprise at the University of Kent – said: "The talent and skill some of our students demonstrate never ceases to amaze me."

Get ahead at head sessions

ASPIRING headteachers are invited to attend a free information session to find out more about the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH).

There are two sessions, on September 9 and 14, both of which run between 4.30pm and 6pm.

Contact the NPQH entry centre by emailing enquiries@selt.org.uk or calling 01823 446060.

Youths put talent to good use on scheme

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

steve.knight@kosmedia.co.uk

YOUNG offenders are hoping to turn their lives around by putting their energies into an intensive summer arts course.

Ten criminals at risk of going to prison were instead referred to the New House Youth Centre in Sittingbourne, which is the Kent base for the national Summer Arts Colleges scheme.

Funded by the charity Unitas, the initiative combines art, literacy and numeracy skills to help unskilled youngsters get back into education, training or employment.

The three-week course was run by staff from the intensive supervision and surveillance teams at Kent and Medway Youth Offending Services, along with professional photographer Penny Millar and music teachers from the Beat project.

Positive

Angela Slaven – director for youth and community support services at Kent County Council – spoke of the benefits of the scheme.

She said: "Giving young people the chance to channel their energies into something positive is a vital part of the work carried out by our youth offending teams."

"Young people can achieve a tremendous amount with the right support and guidance, and the young people on this scheme have certainly shown they have talent and want to make a change to their lives."

The Kent Youth Offending Service works to prevent children aged between 10-17 from breaking the law, or to stop them re-offending if they have already been in trouble.

Criminals opt for summer arts course



ARTISTIC: Young offenders learn new arts skills on the Summer Arts Colleges scheme

In a typical year about 4,000 young people are involved in the criminal justice system in Kent, which is less than three per cent of all the young people living in the county.

As part of the Summer Arts Colleges scheme, the 10 offenders produced self-portraits, learned photography skills and produced a short film which they scripted, directed and wrote the music for.

Everyone who completed the programme

achieved a Bronze Arts Award qualification, which is nationally recognised through a partnership with Arts Council England and Trinity Guildhall, which runs music examinations at Trinity College London.

Some of the artwork will now be entered into the Koestler Trust Arts by Offenders national award.

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Location: Tonbridge
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Hours: Any (will include night shifts)
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Career opportunities at MidKent College

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Customer Services Supervisor

Ref: P0070

Salary: £18,709 - £21,994 per annum
Maidstone

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an excellent candidate to supervise, motivate and coordinate the activities of a team, engaged in all Customer Service activities, to enable the Maidstone Campus to meet the College's strategic aims and its day to day responsibility to provide high quality education and training.

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The role will be working closely with the Campus Manager and the Health and Safety Manager to provide a robust service to the College.

A recognised customer service and / or management qualification would be desirable along with basic health and safety training with a commitment to gain an IoSH qualification in "Managing Safely".

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Closing date: Wednesday 15 September 2010

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Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from www.kca.org.uk. Alternatively, you can email recruitment@kca.org.uk or call 01795 590795 and select option three. Please quote reference 704.

Closing date: Midday on Monday 13 September 2010.

Interview date: Monday 27 September 2010.

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Closing date: 7th September 2010

Interview date: 13th September 2010

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For further information or an application pack please contact the school on 01233 614600 or email jmanning@north.kent.sch.uk

Closing date for applications: 13th September 2010



www.north.kent.sch.uk

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Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint an outstanding individual in the following area:

Lecturer in Electrical Installation

Ref: P0357

Salary: £28,463 - £32,251 per annum (dependant on qualifications and experience)
Medway

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**Closing date: 12 noon on Wednesday 15 September 2010.
Interviews to be held on Monday 20 September 2010.**

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Campus Youth Worker

Ref: P0001

Salary: £20,674 - £24,792 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
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**CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2010
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applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
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Salary £20k p.a.
STUDIO ASSISTANT
Location: Folkestone/Salary: £20k p.a Contract: Full-time, Permanent/Employer: Cognitive Media Cognitive Media provides visual content for clients using scripting and visual synthesis techniques. We scribble live or on video, and our completed products end up in workplaces all around the world. We're looking for an organised and self-motivated Studio Assistant to join our team in modern offices right in the heart of Folkestone's Creative Quarter. The Studio Assistant will keep the studio running smoothly and clients up to date with progress on projects and will need to be an excellent communicator and team player, with experience of providing administrative support. Closing date: Fri 3rd September 2010 Interview: Weds 15th September 2010 For more information and to download an application please visit www.cognitivemedia.co.uk We have retained Year One Consulting to help with this recruitment. For an informal discussion about either role, please call Cassy or Mary Ann **To apply/more information:** Cognitive Media applications@jobsformentor.co.uk Quoting Job Ref: kos

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PART-TIME KITCHEN ASSISTANT
 Required from late September 2010. Duties will include distribution of food for the evening meals to residential staff, washing up returned dishes and general kitchen cleaning. The hours are 3.30pm to 7.00pm every Monday to Thursday and 3.30pm to 7.00pm on alternate Fridays. This is an average of 15.75 hours per week and is term time only. The salary is at Kent Scheme Band 2 points 4 to 7 which is £4529 to £4949 per year.

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 hr@WestKentYMCA.org.uk Dan 01892 542209 or 07889707622
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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

- 10/02502/LBC Yew Tree House Walkhurst Road, Benenden**
 - Listed Building Consent - Addition of two dormers to front elevation, insertion of new access stair from first floor to second floor (new rooftop over) and new bath/wc on second floor (loft) (LB)
- 10/02525/FUL Scribbins Walkhurst Road, Benenden**
 - Demolition of existing single storey rear building and erection of two-storey rear extension; replacement porch; demolition of existing garage and change of use of land from agricultural to residential to locate new garage and access (LB)
- 10/02527/LBC Scribbins Walkhurst Road, Benenden**
 - Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing single storey rear building and erect a two storey rear extension. Replacement porch; Demolition of existing garage and change of use of land to locate the new garage and access (LB)
- 10/02634/CAC Blue Cedars Langton Road, Broadwater**
 - Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of existing bungalow (CA)
- 10/02589/FUL Barn At Lilley Farm Sherenden Road, Capel**
 - Amendment to planning permission TW/09/01149 - Reduction in the curtilage of property, re-alignment of approved access way and closure of farm access road (LB)
- 10/00030/LBC 3 - 3A Stone Street Cranbrook, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
 - Listed Building Consent - Remove interconnecting internal doors between shops and reinstate wall with concrete blocks and plaster (LB)
- 10/02555/LBC Gaythorne Wisley Pound, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
 - Listed Building Consent: To repair rear slope of roof by removing existing peg tile and replacing decaying battens, felt the roof slope and return existing tiles. Renew top 4 courses of chimney with new matching bricks as existing fletton bricks are crumbling (LB)
- 10/02440/HOUSE Rocklea The Common, Culverden**
 - Two-storey front extension including alterations to roof; Replacement of windows (CA) (LB)
- 10/02443/LBC Rocklea The Common, Culverden**
 - 10/Listed Building Consent - Two-storey front extension including alterations to roof; replacement of windows (LB)
- 10/02562/LBC 69 London Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
 - Listed Building Consent: Upgrading of existing bathroom and creation of new ensuite bathroom from existing tank room. Insertion of 2 rooflights (LB)
- 10/02293/LBC Old Lime House Church Road, Goudhurst**
 - Listed Building Consent - Remedial repairs (LB)
- 10/02618/HOUSE Mulberry Cottage Rogers Rough Road, Goudhurst**
 - Alterations from existing inverted dormer to traditional dormer roof (CA)
- 10/02636/MOD 1 Barnfield Farmhouse High Street, Hawkhurst**
 - Section 106 Modification: Removal of covenant imposing an agricultural occupancy condition on Barnfield Farmhouse (WD/5/62/1 refers) (CA) (LB)
- 10/02567/LBC Spelmonden Farm Spelmonden Road, Horsmonden**
 - Listed Building Consent - Change of use of redundant barn to residential use including retention and conversion of storage building (LB)
- 10/02630/FULMJ Land West Of Kirkins Close Gibbett Lane, Horsmonden**
 - Development of 15 no. Local Needs Affordable dwellings comprising 2 no. 1-bedroom flats, 2 no. 1-bedroom wheelchair bungalows, 6 no. 2-bedroom houses and 5 no. 3-bedroom houses, including hard and soft landscaping. Resubmission of Planning application (MAJOR)
- 10/02496/LBC The Old Stables Bayham Abbey, Lamberhurst**
 - Listed Building Consent - Restoration and refurbishment works, replacement porch and conservatory (LB)
- 10/02080/FUL Flat 3 10 Grove Avenue, Pantiles & St Marks**
 - Pipe on external wall from ground level to loft level with exit flue, in association with central heating installation (CA)
- 10/02593/FUL 19 Cumberland Walk Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
 - Alterations to existing orangery at side (CA) (LB)
- 10/02601/HOUSE 53C Frant Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
 - Single-storey rear extension and conversion/extension of roof space to form two bedroom and bathroom (CA)
- 10/02642/HOUSE 5 Poona Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
 - Single storey side and rear extension (CA)
- 10/02460/HOUSE 10 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
 - Single ground floor rear extension and internal alterations; Replacement of existing garage with a new detached garage (CA) (LB)
- 10/02465/LBC 10 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
 - Listed Building Consent - Single ground floor rear extension and internal alterations; Replacement of existing garage with a new detached garage (LB)
- 10/02588/HOUSE The Lodge 16 Calverley Park Gardens, Park**
 - Demolition of flat roofed garage and bathroom together with four outbuildings. Single storey extension, landscaping and 2m high boundary fence (CA)
- 10/02591/CAC The Lodge 16 Calverley Park Gardens, Park**
 - Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of flat roofed garage and bathroom together with four outbuildings (CA)
- 10/02594/LBC 36 Monson Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
 - Listed Building Consent: Replacement fascia sign (LB)
- 10/02658/HOUSE 2 The Ferns Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
 - Two-storey side and single-storey rear extension, conversion of integral garage to habitable accommodation (CA)
- 10/02659/CAC 2 The Ferns Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park- Conservation Area Consent**
 - Demolition of garden wall (CA)
- 10/02250/EIAMJ Pembury Hospital Tonbridge Road, Pembury**
 - EIA: Variation of Conditions (28) and (29) of planning permission TW/07/02595/FULMJ- Redevelopment of existing Pembury Hospital for 512 bed, approx 65,000 msq district general hospital, 984 car parking spaces, improvements to the public highway, new site access, servicing, landscaping and associated works/plant equipment (LB) (MAJOR)
- 10/02202/LBC 27 Holden Road Southborough, Southborough North**
 - Listed Building Consent: Replacement of asbestos tiles on single storey extension (LB)
- 10/02639/HOUSE Villach Park Road, Southborough North**
 - Single storey rear extension (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting A Conservation Area (LB) Affecting A Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

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You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
 Head of Planning Services
 Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 28 August 2010



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Highways – District of Canterbury

**BUSHEYFIELDS ROAD, HERNE AND BROOMFIELD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of water mains renewal, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Busheyfields Road, Herne on or after 31 August 2010 for up to 12 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in rolling sections along its entire length. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Canterbury Road and Ridgeway Road.

The alternative route is via Canterbury Road and Curtis Wood Road.

**STURRY LEVEL CROSSING, CANTERBURY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of track maintenance and repairs, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Mill Road, Sturry at Sturry Level Crossing, on or after 5 September 2010 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

It is planned that the road will be closed from 2.00 am on Sunday 5 September through to 3.30 am on Monday 6 September 2010.

Mill Road, Sturry will be closed for a distance of 10 metres either side of the level crossing. There will be no access for though traffic between the junctions with High Street and Island Road.

The alternative route is:

For light vehicles and buses via Sturry Hill, Herne Bay Road, Sweetehgate, Shalloak Road, Broad Oak Road, Vauxhall Road, Sturry Road and Mill Road.

For vehicles over 7.5 Tonnes via A291 Canterbury Road, A299 Thanet Way, A290 Pean Hill & Whitstable Road, London Road, A205o Rheims Way and A28 Ring Road.

Pedestrians will be escorted across the closure, but there might be some delays.

This Order remains in force for up to 18 months and can be re-implemented if required, for works of a similar nature.

**Highways – Districts of
Canterbury & Swale**

**VARIOUS ROADS, GRAVENEY, WHITSTABLE
& SEASALTER
(30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that for reasons of public safety during construction works in connection with Seasalter to Graveney Sea Defences, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order imposing a temporary mandatory speed limit of 30 mile per hour on the sections of road shown below, when the relevant signs are displayed.

The roads affected are:

Seasalter Lane, Seasalter for its entire length.

Seasalter Road, Graveney / Faversham Road, Whitstable from the existing 30mph/40 mph sign to the south of Graveney Church to the existing 30 mph / National Speed Limit sign.

This Order comes into effect on or after 13 September 2010 for up to 12 weeks or until the works have been completed

HIGHWAYS – District of Shepway

**QUEENSWAY, DYMCURCH
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Queensway, Dymchurch on or after 13 September 2010 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Hythe Road and Kingsway.

The alternative route is via Hythe Road, Burmarsh Road, Kingsway and Queensway.

**KERTON ROAD, LYDD-ON-SEA
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Kerton Road, Lydd-on-Sea on or after 31 August 2010 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Dungeness Road and Coast Drive.

The alternative route is via Dungeness Road, Battery Road and Coast Drive.

**BOUVIERIE ROAD WEST, FOLKESTONE
(CHANGES TO TAXI RANK LOCATIONS) TEMPORARY
ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of footway reconstruction works, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order suspending the taxi rank on the southernmost side of Bouvierie Road West, Folkestone, adjacent to Sainsbury's.

To compensate, the existing taxi rank in Sandgate Road, Folkestone, to the west of Cheriton Place, will be extended westwards for a distance of approximately 40 metres.

The parking spaces in the extended taxi rank area will therefore be suspended.

This Order comes into effect on or after 13 September 2010, for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed

HIGHWAYS – District of Swale

**VARIOUS ROADS (M2 OVERBRIDGES), SWALE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of a programme of maintenance and re-waterproofing of motorway overbridges, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads (M2 Overbridges), Swale on or after 13 September 2010 for up to 7 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below:

Salters Lane, Faversham – from 13 September until 28 September 2010

Alternative route via A251 Ashford Road, Faversham and A2 London Road, Faversham

Vigo Road, Borden – from 16 September until 1 October 2010

Alternative route via Sutton Baron Road, Wrens Road, Manns Place, Silver Street, Deans Hill Road, Deans Hill and Stiff Street

Yaugher Lane, Hartlip - from 27 September until 12 October 2010

Alternative route via Place Lane, Warren Lane and Matts Hill

Bull Lane, Newington – from 30 September until 15 October 2010

Alternative route via Cowstead Road, Lower Hartlip Road and Old House Lane

Warren Lane, Hartlip – from 13 October until 28 October 2010

Alternative route via Matts Hill, Yaugher Lane and Place Lane

HIGHWAYS – District of Thanet

**QUEENS ROAD, BROADSTAIRS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of the removal of a tower crane from a building site, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Queens Road, Broadstairs on or after 5 September 2010 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between High Street and Pierremont Avenue.

The alternative route is via High Street, Osbourne Road, Seafield Road, Gladstone Road and Ramsgate Road.

Note that if it is not possible to carry out these works on 5 September due to adverse weather conditions, it will be necessary to defer the works to one of the following 2 Sundays, i.e. 12 September or 19 September 2010.

**DANE ROAD, MARGATE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of works to demolish a gas holder and replace a retaining wall, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting traffic on the section of Dane Road, Margate between the junctions with Dane Hill and Bath Road/Victoria Road.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



This Order comes into effect on or after 13 September 2010 for up to 8 weeks or until the works have been completed.

From 13 September 2010 for up to 3 weeks, Dane Road will be closed to west bound traffic.

The alternative route is via Victoria Road, Addington Road and Addington Street.

From 4 October 2010 for up to 2 weeks, Dane Road will be closed in both directions.

The alternative routes are eastbound via Dane Hill, Northdown Road and Bath Road, westbound via Victoria Road, Addington Road and Addington Street.

From 18 October 2010 for up to 3 weeks, Dane Road will be closed to west bound traffic.

The alternative route is via Victoria Road, Addington Road and Addington Street.

Note that on 21 & 22 October 2010, Dane Road will be closed to through traffic under a separate Traffic Order.

Parking on this section of Dane Road will be prohibited for the duration of these works.

**VIOLET AVENUE & COLUMBO SQUARE, RAMSGATE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Violet Avenue & Columbo Square, Ramsgate on or after 13 September 2010.

Violet Avenue, Ramsgate will be closed on or after 13 September 2010 for up to 1 day

The alternative route is via Northwood Road, Hopes Lane and Pysons Road

Columbo Square, Ramsgate will be closed on or after 14 September 2010 for up to 1 day.

The alternative route is via Kimberley Road, The Centre and Princess Margaret Avenue or St John's Avenue, The Centre and Kimberley Road.

It is planned the works will be carried out between the hours of 8.30 am and 4.30 pm.

**LAUNDRY ROAD, MINSTER
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of the construction of a carriageway tie-in linking the new East Kent Access Road to the existing road, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Laundry Road, Minster, on or after 18 September 2010 for up to 1 night or until the works have been completed.

Laundry Road will be closed from junction with the A299 Canterbury Road West for a distance of 180 metres south. There will be no access for through traffic from 7.00 pm on 18 September 2010 through to 6.00 am the following morning.

The alternative route is via A299 Canterbury Road West, Tothill Street, Foxborough Lane and Laundry Road

**HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge
& Malling**

**PINESFIELD LANE, TROTTISCLIFFE
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Pinesfield Lane from the junction of Trosley Court for 150m towards "Larling" on or after Wednesday 1st September 2010 for a period of up to 3 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Church Lane, Taylors Lane, Pilgrims Way.

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TT man has his say with a striking new Sportage

THEY just don't 'do' evolution at Kia.

So, 15 years after launching the first Sportage compact SUV (sports utility vehicle) the Mark III model has arrived and represents another radical change from what came before.

I liked the previous car; it wasn't pretty, but it was a good value no-nonsense alternative to cars like the Toyota RAV-4 and, latterly, came with a seven-year/100,000-mile warranty – a guarantee now extended to all Kias.

But there you have the old car's main appeal – the value package.

Five years on from that car's launch, we have a totally different beast – in more ways than one.

For this new Sportage is a Kia you could buy because you actually liked its looks more than the deal.

It is more than a coincidence, of course, that it is the first Kia penned completely by

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KiaSportage

former Audi design guru and original TT creator Peter Shreyer.

He arrived at the Korean marque four years ago, but new cars don't get sketched and then produced overnight so Shreyer's influence was watered down until now.

And, as I hinted earlier, this is a beast even in the junior SUV sector that carmakers have re-invented as the less brash 'crossover' segment, following the success of the versatile Nissan Qashqai.

In their various versions, such cars can straddle the family hatchback, medium MPV and compact SUV/4x4 sectors, but the new Sportage is a bigger and more striking exponent than most and lacks the seating/cabin versatility of many rivals such as the Qashqai and the Skoda Yeti.

The rear seats, for instance, do not fold absolutely flat though the cargo space – with seats upright or flat – is vast and make it the class leader. It will also seat five people, no problem.

But this Sportage seduces the eye more than the mind, and then captures the heart on the road. Despite that big tall body – accentuated by huge alloys on the First Edition launch model I drove – the Sportage is nimble and well-sorted. It helped I was in an all-wheel drive version, but the ride quality and overall dynamics bode well for front-wheel-drive only models arriving soon.

The feeling is enhanced by light yet positive steering and the tidy change on the six-speed 'box paired with the all-new 134bhp

2.0-litre diesel engine of the launch car.

It punches the big Sportage up to speed smoothly and powerfully yet should still average nearly 50mpg, but Kia will launch more affordable and economical 1.7-litre diesel and 1.6-litre petrol options.

For now, appetites have been whetted by the First Edition. The £20,777 pricing (plus £1,300 for the auto) looks steep by Kia standards, but it groans with kit including those wicked 18-inch alloys and leather seats with heated front ones.

And Kia has done it again with the rear parking camera; like the earlier Soul, this is housed where logic says it should be – in the rear view mirror – and works a treat.

Okay, the Sportage is a bit big to be a crossover alternative to a family hatch, but it is a car to excite the eye and comment – reasons the old 4x4/SUV sector boomed in the first place – and it drives a whole lot better.



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09	59	Agila Design CDTi	13D	5	Lemon grass	1,350	9,495
09	59	Agila Club CDTi	13D	5	Steel silver	3,900	8,995
09	59	Agila Design CDTi	13D	5	Moroccan blue	5,150	9,295

ASTRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
06	06	Astra Active	1.6	5	Ultra blue	37,000	6,495
07	07	Astra Energy CDTi	13D	5	Ultra blue	15,485	7,495
07	07	Astra Design Auto	1.8	5	Flame red	42,700	6,995
07	57	Astra Sxi Sports hatch CDTi	17D	3	Star silver	40,675	8,495
08	08	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	1.6	3	Silver lightening	24,300	8,995
08	58	Astra Breeze	1.4	5	Silver lightening	10,700	8,495
09	58	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Panacotta	12,625	9,495
09	09	Astra Sxi CDTi X Pack	19D	5	Star silver	9,710	13,995
09	09	Astra Breeze Plus CDTi	17D	5	Star silver	14,100	9,995
09	59	Astra Sxi eco flex	17D	5	Sovereign silver	3,400	12,495
09	59	Astra Sports Twin top	1.8	2	Air blue	3,320	15,995
09	59	Astra Sxi CDTi	19D	5	Power red	8,000	12,995
09	59	Astra Active	1.4	5	Power red	4,960	9,995
09	59	New Astra Exclusiv CDTi	17D	5	Star silver	6,450	13,995
09	59	Astra Active	1.4	5	Power red	3,990	9,995
09	59	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Green spirit	6,250	9,995
09	59	New Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Power red	5,340	14,495
09	59	Astra Active	1.4	5	Black sapphire	3,890	9,995
09	59	Astra Design Auto	1.8	5	Technical grey	7,050	11,995
09	59	Astra Active Sports hatch	1.4	3	Sovereign silver	8,040	10,495
09	59	Astra Life MTA	1.6	5	Sovereign silver	10,270	9,995

CORSA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
06	56	Corsa Design CDTi	13D	5	Flame red	38,450	6,995
07	07	Corsa Club	12	5	Flame red	27,810	6,495
07	07	Corsa Design CDTi	13D	5	Star silver	37,900	7,995
07	57	Corsa Design	12	3	Flame red	49,370	6,995
08	08	Corsa Breeze CDTi	13	3	Black sapphire	11,440	7,995
08	08	Corsa Breeze CDTi	13	3	Star silver	24,590	8,250
09	09	Corsa Active	10	5	Star silver	6,270	8,475
09	09	Corsa Sxi A/c	12	5	Metro blue	19,970	7,995
09	59	Corsa Life CDTi	13D	5	Star silver	9,950	8,995

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
09	59	Corsa Active CDTi	13D	5	Silver lightening	4,300	9,995
09	59	Corsa Sxi A/c	14	3	Silver lightening	800	10,495
09	59	Corsa Sxi A/c	14	5	Silver lightening	4,450	9,995
09	59	Corsa Sxi	12	3	Black sapphire	6,350	9,395
09	59	Corsa Sxi A/c	14	5	Silver lightening	5,980	9,995
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09	59	Corsa Active	12	3	Star silver	7,180	9,395
10	10	Corsa Energy	12	3	Black sapphire	2,340	10,995

INSIGNIA & SIGNUM

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
09	09	Insignia Tourer Exclusive	1.8	5	Black sapphire	9,300	13,995
09	59	Insignia Elite CDTi Nav	2.0	5	Sovereign silver	6,550	21,995
09	59	Insignia CDTi ECO Exclusive	2.0	5	Silver lake	7,350	16,995

VECTRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
06	56	Vectra Design	1.8	5	Metro blue	33,180	6,695
07	57	Vectra Sxi CDTi	19D	5	Black sapphire	58,650	7,495
07	07	Vectra Design Auto CDTi	1.9	5	Star silver	15,117	8,995
08	58	Vectra Exclusive	1.8	5	Black sapphire	15,390	8,495

ZAFIRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
09	59	Zafira Active Plus	1.8	5	Ultra blue	5,670	13,495

ANTARA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
07	07	Antara CDTi Auto	2.0	5	Metro blue	20,000	11,995
08	57	Antara CDTi E Auto	2.0	5	Slate blue	18,100	12,995
09	59	Antara Exclusive CDTi	2.0D	5	Placid grey	2,020	17,995

DUE SOON

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
02	002*	Corsa SE	10	3	Flame red	48,000	2,995
07	57	Corsa Sxi A/c	12	3	Star silver	9,290	6,995
08	57	Corsa Sxi A/c	12	5	Silver lightening	15,000	7,495
08	08*	Corsa Breeze Plus	1.3	3	Silver lightening	60,000	6,995
07	07	Astra Design	1.8	5	Silver lightening	45,000	6,995
07	57	Astra Sxi Ex pack	1.8	3	Black	50,000	7,995
07	57	Astra Design Estate	1.8	5	Pannacotta	4,000	6,995

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08 FORD FUSION FUSION + SDR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 3000 MILES.....	£8,995
09 FORD FUSION STYLE CLIMATE SDR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 5000 MILES.....	£8,995
07 FORD FUSION ZETEC CLIMATE SDR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 4000 MILES.....	£6,995

CITROEN

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MAZDA

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09 SUZUKI SWIFT GLX SDR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 450 MILES.....	£9,995
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NISSAN

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07 VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 14000 MILES.....	£7,995
08 VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 7000 MILES.....	£7,995
07 VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 15000 MILES.....	£6,995
07 VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 1800 MILES.....	£6,995
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Compiled by Steve Loader

Mercedes playing with its iconic CLS

ICON is a much abused word in motor marketing, but Mercedes-Benz can justify it with the stunning CLS four-door coupé.

Despite a wickedly raked rear roofline, it really could function as a fast executive express able to seat four in comfort and was one of the most eye-catching cars on the road.

So I'm slightly concerned by early shots of the car replacing the 2003-vintage model.

The new offering looks too bulbous and less elegant and I fear M-B has thrown the baby

out with the bathwater in an attempt to bring the CLS into line with edgier-looking models in its line-up.

The gamble is greater too, with the resurgence of Jaguar through its stunning XF and XJ models, marking a return to the four-door saloon/coupé formula that made it great in the 1960s.

The new CLS has its premiere at the Paris Motor Show (October 2-17) where, we can only hope, it is revealed as more elegant than it appears in early publicity shots.



Citroën's Open Weekend of deals

THIS bank holiday weekend is being used by Citroën as a showcase for keen deals on New Reg 60 cars.

The Open Weekend offers a £500 gift card on any Citroën C3 (from £8,990) or C3 Picasso MPV (pictured and priced from £10,695) ordered for registration with the new plate in September.

A £2,000 Welcome Reward can also be claimed by customers new to the brand who don't take up the three-year zero per cent finance or other subsidised finance.

And there is a three-year/35,000 mile free servicing offer on both models.

Tempting deals can also be applied to other Citroëns, from the C1 city car up to the popular Picasso range of MPVs.



...and Peugeot's pitching in too

NOT to be outdone by its French stablemate, Peugeot has come up with a Just Add Fuel promotion for would-be 60 registration buyers.

This includes comprehensive insurance cover, routine servicing costs, road tax, warranty and roadside assistance for three years in a single monthly payment available across the Peugeot range.

It means that 21-year-old drivers can get into a new Peugeot

107 Millestim city car for just £197 a month including fully comprehensive insurance cover for three years.

There is also the offer of a free Nokia Smartphone with in-built sat nav on all vehicles registered in September, while 'Peugeot Swappage' customers can save £1,500-3,500 by trading in a car 11 years and older against selected Peugeots including the award-winning 5008 seven-seat MPV.



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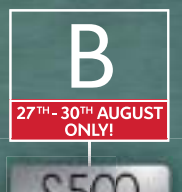
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*On the road recommended prices & offers apply to retail sales of qualifying new Citroën vehicles ordered 01-31/08/10 (£500 Citroën Gift Card only applies to New Citroën C3 or C3 Picasso models ordered 27/30/08/10 for registration by 30/09/10) & include VAT, delivery to Dealer & number plates, Government First Registration Fee, and 12 months' graduated Vehicle Excise Duty. Black/metallic/pearlescent/Botticelli Blue paint optional at extra cost. £500 Citroën Gift Card will be sent within 28 days of vehicle registration, and will be accepted by major retail outlets, subject to standard terms and conditions. Prices shown include the deduction of the £2000 Welcome Reward from the manufacturer's on the road recommended retail prices. From prices shown: New Citroën C3 1.1i 61hp VT and C3 Picasso 1.4 VTi 95hp VT. ¹£2000 Citroën Welcome Reward available for qualifying non-Citroën owners purchasing a New Citroën C3 or C3 Picasso model where 0% APR typical finance is not claimed. ²13 years or 35,000 miles. Offers and prices correct at time of going to press from participating Dealers. Terms & conditions apply. Please ask us for details. Subject to stock availability.

Official Government fuel consumption figures (Range): Urban cycle, Extra urban, Combined (litres per 100km/mpg) & CO₂ emissions (g/km); Highest: Citroën C3 Picasso 1.6 VTi 120hp 9.4/30.1, 5.5/51.4, 6.9/40.9, 159. Lowest: New Citroën C3 1.6HDi 90hp Airdream+ 4.7/60.1, 3.3/85.6, 3.8/74.3, 99.

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I'VE had fun over the years with the naming policies of carmakers and Suzuki used to get stick for daring to use 'Swift' for its supermini contender, *writes Steve Loader*.

After all, the word means 'rapid' and belongs to a bird that stands for speed and superiority in the air, so you should expect a kicking for falling short of that by a long way.

But the written GBH had to stop in 2005, when the Japanese marque launched an all-new and quite radical Swift, one which completely changed our perception of Suzuki as a car manufacturer.

The brand had made great claims about talking to consumers and just about anyone else who might have some input, but isn't this how cars should be created anyway? Besides, such hype always makes me suspicious.

But the new Swift was good as well as affordable, with a distinctive shape and sleek light housings, plus a hint of BMW's trendy Mini about it with an exaggerated wide stance, blacked out windscreen pillars and shallow rear side windows.

The interior was also smarter than anything that had gone before, with smart alloy-effect trimming, sensible storage and decent room for four passengers.

And, best of all, the Swift was closer to its airborne namesake this time; sweet handling, versatile and a thoroughly satisfying drive.

The years have flown by since though; a new Swift arrives in a few weeks and dealers are already showing it off to customers – Tunbridge Wells Suzuki is holding an open weekend on September 4-5.

Sales manager Dean Stoner told Driving: "It's an evolutionary design, which suits many existing customers and fans, but Suzuki have also introduced a 1.2 engine which is more powerful than before, while also lowering emissions to fit the current trend and road tax charges."

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Official Government Environment Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO2 emissions (g/km). Spark 1.0 5dr: Urban 42.8 (6.6), Extra Urban 67.3 (4.2), Combined 55.4 (5.1), CO2 Emissions 119 g/km.



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Green Golf shows that 'old'

DrivingReview



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VW Golf BlueMotion

YOU might be forgiven for thinking the internal combustion engine is gasping its last revs.

Surely, the best it can hope for is to linger as the oily and lesser half of part-electric hybrids like the Toyota Prius, before electric and/or hydrogen power consigns it to the scrapyard, as it once sent the horse to the knacker's?

But new technology costs and making more of old technology is a lot cheaper and just as effective, judging by the latest and most eco-friendly VW Golf.

Confusingly known as the BlueMotion – German carmakers hate to use 'green', as the colour is identified with the political party that hassles them most – it makes the hybrid Prius pretty pointless.

The German car is cheaper, more compact,



more economical at motorway cruising and far more interesting to drive. It also matches its Japanese rival for road tax exemption due to low emissions and by averaging around 70mpg.

Nor does it have much to fear from electric power after Mitsubishi confirmed this week that its little i-MiEV electric city car will go on sale for £24,000 – and that's with the benefit of a £5,000 Government grant.

The Mitsi not only cannot compete with the Golf BlueMotion for space, range, practicality

and snob value, but can't be as emission-free as it appears when most UK electricity comes from power stations running on fossil fuels.

In short, 'piston-pushers' look like being around for a while yet.

The Golf BlueMotion itself is powered by a lively 103bhp 1.6-litre diesel engine that has not been emasculated by the drive to slash emissions or saddled with ridiculously steep gear ratios – though the five-speed 'box does have higher ratios on third, fourth and top.



There is not only plenty of low-down power for a smart take-off, but generous clout throughout the range; it is a green car that can still be driven with verve.

Nor does the BlueMotion dither on the bends due to poor grip from its energy-saving low-rolling resistance tyres.

And there is magic elsewhere, notably through a smooth stop/start system that cuts and then automatically re-starts the engine when halted by traffic lights, a jam or other delay.

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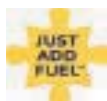
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technology still lives



The engine is also burdened less by the alternator, because energy normally lost through braking is recovered and used to top up the battery.

Weight has been shaved too – there is a tyre repair kit rather than a spare wheel – and aerodynamics have been improved at the front, beneath the car and by a sports styling kit, allied with lowering the suspension by 15mm.

The result is that this paragon of eco-motor-

ing actually looks as mean as some sportier Golfs in the range.

Then comes the bonus: the sixth generation Golf range is a class leader anyway. The latest Vauxhall Astra redressed the balance a little and the next Ford Focus could add to that, but the latest Golf drives and feel like executive model – the BlueMotion is no exception.

Refinement is excellent and the quality of the interior is robust, classy and well-arranged without being ostentatious.

Admittedly, Golfs are not cheap and our five-door BlueMotion test car is £18,715 against £17,895 for the 'standard' 1.6 S diesel that is closest to it in the range.

That car will cost you £20 a year in road tax after year one of ownership and averages about 10mpg less than its green sister, but at least you can see from the above where that extra £800 or so has been spent – and it is a lower premium than you will see on some other eco rivals.

DrivingPortfolio

VW GOLF BLUEMOTION 1.6 TDI 5-DR
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Driving appeal (OUT OF FIVE)	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★
Reliability	★★★★★
How green?	★★★★★
Road tax	£0
Best rival	Ford Focus ECONetic

TheVerdict



DON'T LIKE:

the higher list price that those with an eco conscience are forced to pay to go green but...



NOT SURE:

this will bother buyers thanks to the upper mainstream appeal of the VW badge



REALLY LIKE:

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Official Government Test Environmental Data – Fuel Consumption Figures mpg (litres/100km): Corsa Range: urban 40.9 (6.9) – 52.3 (5.4), extra-urban 64.2 (4.4) – 76.3 (3.7), combined 53.3 (5.3) – 65.7 (4.3), CO2 Emissions 124 – 114 g/km.

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159, MPI TOURISMO, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player traction control remote central locking isofix child seat points, black, 36301 miles,  9000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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A2, FSI SPORT, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, black, 41500 miles,  6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A3, SPORT TDI, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats sports seats tinted glass traction control trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, grey, 65000 miles,  8500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A6, QUATTRO, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking diesel drivers airbag immobiliser multiple airbags power steering satellite navigation trip computer xenon headlamps remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black, 65200 miles,  19949, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

Q7, TDI QUATTRO 240 S Line, 2008, abs brakes alloy fitted alloy wheels cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights half leather trim immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid single cd player traction control remote central locking, silver, 19260 miles,  31000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

TT, T QUATTRO (180), 2001, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, silver, 58736 miles,  9000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

TT, 3.2 QUATTRO auto Coupe with red leather trim,  v07guc, air conditioning, climate control, full leather, remote alarm, remote central locking, heated seats, sports seats, folding rear seats, rear headrests, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, traction control, abs, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear spoiler, electric mirrors, electric windows, radio, steering wheel audio controls, ipod connectivity, cruise control, multi-disc cd player, Bose, parking sensor, xenon headlamps, isofix, headlamp jetwash, 18" alloys, 4x4, red leather trim, always over 60 Mercedes-Benz cars in stock we will not be beaten on price! fully fsa regulated, ice silver, 58000 miles,  17995, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

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CONTINENTAL GT, 2004, bentley metallic-cypress, 25322 miles,  48000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

BMW

1 SERIES, 116I SE, 2006, silver, 60689 miles,  8499, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

1 SERIES, 116I SE, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue metallic, 59000 miles,  8000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 320i M SPORT  9v,  v0y6kj, climate control, air conditioning, multi-function steering wheel, cruise control, sports seats, alarm, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote alarm, remote central locking, head restraints, height adjustable seat, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, power steering, stability control, traction control, trip computer, abs, child locks, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, radio, stereo, at Big Motoring World we average over 350 bmw's in one place. visit our website for even more details. We are open 7 days a week and easily located off the m25, m26 and a20, big enough to care. out of hours contact 07956 158119, black, 0 miles,  9999, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

5 SERIES, 5300 SE  60,  v5n8et, full leather, air conditioning, multi-function steering wheel, cruise control, cd player, electric seats, rain-sensing wipers, alarm, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote alarm, remote central locking, centre armrest, head restraints, height adjustable seat, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, power steering, stability control, traction control, trip computer, abs, child locks, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, radio, stereo, at Big Motoring World we average over 350 bmw's in one place. visit our website for even more details. We are open 7 days a week and easily located off the m25, m26 and a20, big enough to cope, small enough to care. out of hours contact 07956 158119, blue, 48873 miles,  17997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

5 SERIES, 5200 M SPORT SAT NAV  60,  v07whu, full leather, satellite navigation, xenon headlamps, air conditioning, centre armrest, electric seats, multi-function steering wheel, cruise control, sports seats, cd player, alarm, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote alarm, remote central locking, head restraints, height adjustable seat, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, power steering, stability control, traction control, trip computer, abs, child locks, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, radio, stereo, titan trims, i drive system, at Big Motoring World we average over 350 bmw's in one place. visit our website for even more details. We are open 7 days a week and easily located off the m25, m26 and a20, big enough to cope, small enough to care. out of hours contact 07956 158119, black, 0 miles,  12997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

X3, SPORT, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels cruise control diesel front fog lights power steering sports seats remote central locking body coloured bumpers heated door mirrors, grey, 73254 miles,  15000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

X3, SPORT, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels cruise control diesel front fog lights power steering sports seats remote central locking body coloured bumpers heated door mirrors, grey, 73254 miles,  15000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

X5, 2.9D SPORT AUTO,  v03cwm, full leather, multi-function steering wheel, cruise control, side steps, sports seats, child locks, abs, headlamp jetwash, alarm, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote alarm, remote central locking, centre armrest, head restraints, height adjustable seat, multiple airbags, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, power steering, stability control, front fog lamps, trip computer, metallic paintwork, rain-sensing wipers, rear spoiler, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, climate control, radio, stereo, 4x4, at Big Motoring World we average over 350 bmw's in one place. visit our website for even more details. We are open 7 days a week and easily located off the m25, m26 and a20, big enough to cope, small enough to care. out of hours contact 07956 158119, blue, 0 miles,  11995, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

Z4, 2.0 SPORT CONV  v07xvl, full leather, heated seats, air conditioning, cd player, power hood, alarm, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote alarm, remote central locking, head restraints, height adjustable seat, power steering, stability control, traction control, trip computer, abs, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, radio, stereo, at Big Motoring World we average over 350 bmw's in one place. visit our website for even more details. We are open 7 days a week and easily located off the m25, m26 and a20, big enough to cope, small enough to care. out of hours contact 07956 158119, black, 45770 miles,  15994, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

AVEO, L1 5dr,  v58yhh, abs, air bag, side air bags, immobiliser, central locking, power steering, air conditioning, electric front windows, trip computer, cd player, rear wash/wipe, front fog lamps, automatic electric windows, radio, mp3 player, child locks, cloth upholstery, isofix, power steering, air conditioning, 15" alloys, space saver spare wheel, side window demist vents, body coloured door mirrors, roof spoiler, 15" alloy wheels, lined glovebox, black finish on B pillars, passenger seat back pocket, adjustable headrests, front cupholders, 60/40 split folding rear seat, leather steering wheel, tilt/steer steering column, front seatbelt pretensioners, height adjustable front seatbelts, headlamp levelling, 3 point rear seatbelts x3, remote fuel cap release, height adjustable driver's seat, body colour door handles, front door pockets, door courtesy lamps, 6 speakers, variable intermittent front wash/wipe, driver/passenger survivors and seat mirrors, tinted glass all round, driver sunglasses holder, electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors, body coloured bumpers, black interior trim, steering wheel mounted audio controls, aluminium silver, 999 miles,  6995, Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

KALOS, SX 5dr, g 07ztj, abs, air bag, side air bags, immobiliser, central locking, air conditioning, electric front windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, rear spoiler, front fog lamps, adjustable steering column, rear headrests, automatic electric windows, radio, child locks, folding rear seats, cloth upholstery, steering wheel audio controls, 14" alloys, body colour door mirrors, height adjustable driver's seat, body colour door handles, body colour bumpers,

luggage compartment lighting, driver/passenger survivors and vanity mirrors, white side indicators, remote fuel cap release, glovebox, headlamp levelling, front seatbelt pretensioners, door open warning, height adj/tilt front headrest, side window demisters, passenger seat back table, driver sunglasses holder, rear window demister, high mounted stop lamp, 3 rear 3 point seatbelts, headlamp on warning buzzer, front room lamp, electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors, side impact beams, pas, cupholder, 15" alloy wheels, leather covered gear knob and steering wheel, front passenger assist grip, chrome effect handbrake button, driver seatbelt warning indicator, luggage compartment carpet, chrome grille, body colour tailgate handle, ignition key in warming chime, 6 speakers, seatback shopping hooks, interior tailgate handle, front ashtray and cigar lighter, passenger seat side pocket, digital clock, tachometer, space saver spare wheel, roof mounted aerial, height adjustable front seatbelts, driver/passenger front seatback pockets, tailgate opening grip handle with actuator, metallic paint instrument panel, metallic paint trim on doors + dashboard, tinted windscreen with shadeband, battery saver function, knee bolster driver only, child seat anchorage points, rear assist grips with coat hook, floor covering carpet with heel mat, deposit tray in instrument panel, black, 20000 miles,  4995, Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

LACETTI, SE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking electric windows metallic paint power steering remote central locking remote audio controls, denim blue, 17331 miles,  5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, silver, 27328 miles,  4641, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

TACUMA, SE, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering single cd player split folding rear seats twin airbags remote central locking, red, 19000 miles,  2950, Tunbridge Wells, 08448 759297 (TRADE)

CHRYSLER

PT CRUISER, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cruise control electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking, silver, 36236 miles,  5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CITROEN

BERLINGO, 1.6HDI Refrigerated Chiller / Freezer,  v08puc, cd player, power steering, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, brand new, delivery mileage. grp lined, hubbard fridge standby available if required (optional extra). over 50 fridge vans in stock. BHRV.co.uk, white, 15 miles,  9995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

C1, 1.4, 2008, cd player central locking electric windows, red, 50 miles,  11000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C1, 1.0i VIBE 5dr Hatch,  v08puc, pas, abs, radio/cd, passenger airbag, steering wheel rake adjustment, drivers airbag, front head restraints, steel seat trim, full size spare wheel, steel wheels, rear wiper, blue, 18035 miles,  9495, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 54766 (TRADE)

C2, 1.1 RHYTHM, 2008, cd player electric windows immobiliser power steering tonneau cover twin airbags remote central locking, tb, 18995 miles,  5500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C3, 5, g 568u, franchise approved remote central locking front electric windows abs air conditioning power steering drivers airbag passenger airbag side airbags immobiliser, blue, 25313 miles,  6295, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i SX, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning electric windows front fog lights twin airbags remote central locking remote audio controls, misty light, 71000 miles,  3000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4 COOL, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint, ice blue, 13599 miles,  5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PICASSO, 16v VTX, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player cruise control electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, red metallic, 53000 miles,  5000, Ramsate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PICASSO, 2.0 EXCLUSIVE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning automatic transmission electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering split folding rear seats tonneau cover twin airbags remote central locking, silver, 14000 miles,  7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

DAEWOO

MATIZ, SE Plus 5dr, ke 53lba, immobiliser, power steering, central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, cd player, electric windows, 14" alloys, aluminium silver, 26000 miles,  2699, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE 5dr,  v05kwe, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, blue, 44000 miles,  1999, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE 796CC 5 door, 2000, driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering tie check immobiliser, blue, 48530 miles,  1995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

DAF

LF, 45150 REFRIGERATED CHILLER FREEZER, ke 56cxl, reep body with triple rear doors, thermo king fridge, single phase electric standby, temperature recorder, over fifty fridge vans in stock. www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 60000 miles,  12995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

DAIHATSU

MATERIA, 16v 5dr,  v08tts, abs, air bag, side air bags, immobiliser, central locking, remote central locking, power steering, air conditioning, electric windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, front fog lamps, adjustable steering column, automatic electric windows, radio, child locks, folding rear seats, head restraints, cloth upholstery, isofix, air conditioning, metallic paintwork, multiple airbags, 15" alloy wheels, space saver spare wheel, tachometer, digital clock, height adjustable inertia reel front seatbelts, passenger seat back pocket, front map lights, 6 speakers (4 speakers/2 tweeters), dark tinted rear glass, front and rear cup holders, 3 point rear seatbelts x3, door scuff plate, front seatbelts pretensioners + load limiters, 12v power point front, 'lights on' warning buzzer, sliding/reclining rear seats, body colour side skirt, storage pockets front doors, sun visors with mirrors, remote fuel flap release, body colour tailgate handle, internal chrome door handles, body colour door handles, height adjustable driver's seat, glovebox, retractable luggage cover, reverse parking aid, seatbelt warning lamp and buzzer, rear luggage lamp, rear mounted roof aerial, black window surrounds, body coloured bumpers, body coloured electric door mirrors, maroon, 1900 miles,  9995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

BRavo, DYNAMIC, 2010, abs brakes bluetooth car kit cd player climate control electric windows power steering, blue, 3085 miles,  14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BRavo, 1.9 MULTIJET DYNAMIC, 2007, alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover remote central locking remote audio controls, the metallic, 9663 miles,  9000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

DOBLO,  v DYNAMIC,  103079, power steering, electric front windows, electric mirrors, cd player, radio, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, front fog lamps, centre armrest, twin air bags, abs, trip computer, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, alloy wheels, this doblo is just one of over 180 cars that we are currently offering for sale. please click on the link to our web site to view our current stock. all our vehicles are inspected in our workshop and are prepared to the highest standard. red, 13400 miles,  7995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

DOBLO, MULTIJET ELEGANZA, 2010, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, ivory metallic, 5000 miles,  13500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

DUCATO, 2.2 30 (100 SWB), 2010, abs brakes diesel immobiliser power steering side load door remote central locking, white, 2000 miles,  11500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

DUCATO, 2.3 (35) 120 LWB - Waheeda Patel 07825 670994, 2010, abs brakes diesel electric windows immobiliser power steering reverse parking aid side load door remote central locking, white, 10 miles,  14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, abs brakes bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer rear passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, new orleans blue, 6387 miles,  7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

DODGE

CALIBER, 1.8 SXT, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history heated seats immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers, bright silver, 13232 miles,  7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

NITRO, CRD SE, 2007, 4x4 abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking fitted climate control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history metallic paint power steering remote central locking, blue, 21000 miles,  9500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FIAT

500, LOUNGE 3dr, g 08zt, air conditioning, electric windows, electric mirrors, power steering, cd player, colour coded body, twin air bags, remote central locking, 15" alloys, green, 3700 miles,  7999, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

500, 1.2, 2010, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering remote central locking remote audio controls, ambient white, 10 miles,  12000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

500, 1.2 POP, 2010, cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover remote central locking, red, 10 miles,  9500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

BRavo, SPORT (165), 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player climate control cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, maranello red, 10000 miles,  13000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BRavo, DYNAMIC, 2010, abs brakes bluetooth car kit cd player climate control electric windows power steering, blue, 3085 miles,  14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BRavo, 1.9 MULTIJET DYNAMIC, 2007, alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover remote central locking remote audio controls, the metallic, 9663 miles,  9000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

DOBLO,  v DYNAMIC,  103079, power steering, electric front windows, electric mirrors, cd player, radio, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, front fog lamps, centre armrest, twin air bags, abs, trip computer, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, alloy wheels, this doblo is just one of over 180 cars that we are currently offering for sale. please click on the link to our web site to view our current stock. all our vehicles are inspected in our workshop and are prepared to the highest standard. red, 13400 miles,  7995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

DOBLO, MULTIJET ELEGANZA, 2010, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, ivory metallic, 5000 miles,  13500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

DUCATO, 2.2 30 (100 SWB), 2010, abs brakes diesel immobiliser power steering side load door remote central locking, white, 2000 miles,  11500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

DUCATO, 2.3 (35) 120 LWB - Waheeda Patel 07825 670994, 2010, abs brakes diesel electric windows immobiliser power steering reverse parking aid side load door remote central locking, white, 10 miles,  14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, abs brakes bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer rear passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, new orleans blue, 6387 miles,  7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power front fog lights immobiliser power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, white, 5307 miles,  11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

IDEA, 1.4, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint, blue, 55 miles,  8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, 120 ELEGANZA, 2010, abs brakes alloy fitted alloy wheels cd player climate control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking isofix child seat points adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers lumbar support rear headrests 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat, various, 14 miles,  16000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, DYNAMIC, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy fitted alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, grey metallic, 3000 miles,  12000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PANDA, ACTIVE, 2010, abs brakes cd player central locking electric windows metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer, silver, 10 miles,  6400, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PUNTO EVO, ACTIVE, 2010, cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering, black, 6000 miles,  8500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

QUBO, 1.3 MULTIJET ACTIVE, 2010, abs brakes cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering side load door remote central locking, blue, 1000 miles,  11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

SCUDO, 1.6 COMFORT 90 L1, 2010, abs brakes cd player diesel immobiliser power steering side load door remote central locking, blue, 5000 miles,  10500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

STILO, 16v, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser, red, 55 miles,  8500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FORD

C-MAX, 5, cp 5puk, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning alloy wheels remote central body coloured bumpers driver airbag electric door mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment 1 owner service history, ocean blue, 14000 miles,  7000, Croyford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, ZETEC CLIMATE, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player remote central locking, blue, 24947 miles,  6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FIESTA, FREEDOM, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering trip computer remote central locking, not standard, 35000 miles,  4500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FOCUS, TDCI GHIA (110), 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player remote central locking, blue, 24947 miles,  6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FOCUS, ZETEC (115) Climate Pack, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, blue, 26351 miles,  7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FOCUS, GHIA 1.6 TDCI 109PS, 2007, air conditioning alloy fitted alloy wheels central locking cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering tinted glass trip computer remote central locking quicker window remote audio controls, windgriss, 70316 miles,  6499, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)



SAAB 9-3 13TD Vector Sport , 4 Doors, Manual, Saloon, Diesel, 2006 56 Reg., 114,000 miles, Metallic grey. Heated door mirrors, Folding rear seats, Radio/CD, Cruise control, Alloy wheels, Immobiliser, ABS, Sports seats, Front fog lights, Passenger airbag, Reverse parking aid, Remote

FOCUS, 1.6 ZETEC TDCI, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, sea grey, 15135 miles, £12000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 5, yd8tbnx, insurance group 9 abs air conditioning alarm audio remote control body coloured bumpers cruise control drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking service indicator side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment traction control trip computer 2 owners, thunder, 23000 miles, £9000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

MONDEO, ZETEC, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser power steering remote central locking remote audio controls, grey, 8798 miles, £14000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MONDEO, TITANIUM X, 2009, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel power steering, sea grey, 3000 miles, £18000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MONDEO, TDCI TITANIUM X, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, black, 12631 miles, £14000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 2.5, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser, silver, 55 miles, £25000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

HONDA

ACCORD, VTEC Executive automatic Sat Nav + Leather, wq04nfc, full leather, climate control, abs, power steering, parking sensor, multi-function steering wheel, electric mirrors, electric windows, satellite navigation, remote central locking, colour coded body, cd player, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, front fog lamps, 15" alloys, blue, 89000 miles, £5749, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

Civic, SE Leather, 2008, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking climate control electric windows full service history heated seats metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering single cd player remote central locking, silver, 19913 miles, £10000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CIVIC, EX, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control electric windows front fog lights metallic paint mp3 player power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering satellite navigation split folding rear seats tonneau cover traction control trip computer curtain airbags isofix child seat points auto headlights and wipers remote audio controls adjustable steering column height adj drivers seat, silver, 28507 miles, £10000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CR-V, I-VTEC SPORT, ap07yph, abs, air bag, immobiliser, alarm, air conditioning, climate control, cruise control, electric windows, sunroof, cd player, satellite navigation, rear wash/wipe, front fog lamps, rear headrests, automatic electric windows, rear armrest, isofix, 4x4, internally adjust headlights, lockable glovebox, cloth trim, rear mudflaps, pollen filter, remote keyless entry, reclining rear seats, tilt adjustable steering wheel, front and rear speakers, body colour bumpers, side impact protection beams, body colour door mirrors, front passenger seat undertray, digital clock, tachometer, illuminated glovebox, visible vehicle identification number, front mounted aerial, 16" alloy wheels, front headrests, tonneau cover, pas, hard spare wheel cover, full size spare wheel, elec heated + adjust door mirrors, underfloor storage system in load area, high level rear brake light, body colour side bump strips, steering wheel mounted controls, external temperature gauge, headlamp on reminder, driver's seat armrest, 12v socket in rear of vehicle, chrome door handles, driver/passenger sunvisors and lidded vanity mirrors, driver seat height adjust, passenger armrest, 60/40 split fold rear seat back, sliding rear seats, headlight washers, front interior welcome light, white dashboard illumination, remote glass hatch release, boot integrated picnic table, tweeters, folding front centre storage tray, tie down hooks in luggage area, drivers footrest, illuminated ignition switch, honda spare locks, front mudguards, 3 point height adj front seatbelts + pretensioners, front and rear cupholders, driver/passenger front seatback pockets, high security audio, fuel filler release, 5 x 3 point seatbelts, aluminium silver, 23000 miles, £13995, Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

JAZZ, SE, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue, 44000 miles, £6400, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4 SE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats tonneau cover trip computer remote central locking, silver, 31200 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

S2000, 2.0 ALARM, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint leather interior, synchro silver, 12588 miles, £17500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

S2000, 2.0 ALARM, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint leather interior, synchro silver, 12588 miles, £17500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

HYUNDAI

ACCENT, GSI 5dr, 8120079, power steering, abs, rear wash/wipe, central locking, electric windows, radio cassette, twin air bags, adjustable steering column, cloth upholstery, this accent is just one of over 180 cars that we are currently offering for sale. please click on the link to our web site to view our current stock. all our vehicles are inspected in our workshop and are prepared to the highest standard. silver, 65200 miles, £1995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

ACCENT, ATLANTIC LIMITED EDITION 3dr, dy57aak, abs, air bag, immobiliser, central locking, remote central locking, air conditioning, stereo, electric front windows, trip computer, rear wash/wipe, front fog lamps, adjustable steering column, automatic electric windows, radio, folding rear seats, head restraints, rear armrest, locking wheel nuts, pas, tinted glass, rev counter, height adjustable front seatbelts, body colour door mirrors, front seat back map pockets, body colour door handles, temporary spare wheel, door bins, centre console storage, remote fuel flap release, front cupholders, high mounted stop lamp, body coloured bumpers, 3 rear 3 point seatbelts, ashtray and cigar lighter, seatbelt pretensioners with load limiters, side impact beams, boot spoiler, map reading lights, seatbelt warning lamp, front intermittent wipers, overhead console with sunglasses holder, 14" alloy wheels, black, 6000 miles, £5995, Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

COUPE, 1.6 S, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sports seats trip computer remote central locking, silver, 47753 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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Equally, they may also shop for miserly versions of conventional models with eco sub-branding; VW's most economical and emissions-friendly models wear a BlueMotion badge like this Golf (inset).

Skoda favours the word Greenline, while

By **STEVE LOADER**

several marques have worked 'eco' into the naming, hence Vauxhall's Ecoflex options on popular models like the Insignia, Astra and Corsa.

For many buyers though cutting the motoring budget is simply about downsizing; where once the Ford Mondeo class car was king, we have seen that replaced by the Focus sector and now the Fiesta-style supermini.

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by
STEVELOADER

SCRAPPAGE changed the motor trade.

The now defunct scheme was originated by the Government, but half of each £2,000 grant to new car buyers scrapping a 10-year-old or more banger, came from the carmaker – some even threw in more cash to sweeten a deal.

It made even the most conservative punter realise that list price didn't have to mean 'final price' and it was worth haggling, especially with dealers just happy to survive the economic downturn.

Scrappage also affected the used car market, because many so-called 'gas guzzling bangers' the Government hoped to take off the road, were well cared for family motors with plenty of life in them.

Lots of real bangers are still out there, because their cash-strapped owners just can't afford to trade up at all – used or new.

Meanwhile, cars that should never have gone to the scrapyards were denied a new lease of life and would-be buyers have been forced to move upwards in the used car market.

This in turn has exacerbated a chronic shortage of used cars now because fewer new cars were sold once the recession loomed three-four years ago.

Used car prices have soared as a result and new cars made to look better value, especially when certain carmakers are happy to 'buy' sales and market share with keen deals and low-rate finance just to keep their plants turning over.

Buyers may also be tempted because they have cash earning little in a bank account, which could drive a deal instead on a new car with the latest economy-saving tech on board.



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The post-Scrappage market



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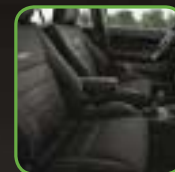
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BRANDED LEAN AND MEAN: Vauxhall's Astra Ecoflex (left) and Skoda's Fabia Greenline are among the many new 'greener' cars being produced with an emphasis on improved economy

Think meaner, leaner and greener

CARMAKERS deserve credit for some leaner and meaner models in response to global warming, new legislation and volatile fuel prices.

It normally takes five to seven years to bring a new car to the market, so the 'new generation' cars we crave simply cannot happen overnight.

But manufacturers are understandably reluctant to sideline the internal combustion engine in favour of expensive research and

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development of new technologies. Nevertheless, new road tax bandings, ranging from zero to £950 a year for gas guzzling limos or 4x4s, are changing our car buying habits.

Of course, anyone spending £50,000-100,000 on a new motor won't blink at spend-

ing nearly a £1,000 annually on the tax disc, but most people like saving a few quid there through the improved economy of greener cars while incidentally doing their bit for the environment.

Longer term, electric cars appear to be the answer and there has been lots of publicity about 'plug-in' models for overnight charging at home or city centre charging points.

But battery technology has some catching up to do and the zero emissions argument is misleading; until we have zero emission power

stations, electric cars simply transfer the CO₂ and noxious gas output from exhaust pipe to belching chimney.

Are hybrids the answer then?

Japanese giants Toyota and Honda are ahead in this field where conventional engines are paired with electric power and batteries, but Peugeot will follow soon and other brands are set to join the club.

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Buyers show signs of cutting down

by
STEVELOADER

DOWNSIZING continues to be the UK motor market's buzzword.

Some 20 years ago, the family saloon/company car sector was dominant and models like the Ford Mondeo and Vauxhall Vectra battled for the top spot.

Then came the rise of the family hatchback and supermini; throughout the nineties and early noughties they had a ding-dong battle for market dominance.

However, helped by soaring fuel and insurance costs, greater environmental awareness and then by government legislation via punitive road tax on larger cars, superminis have gained the upper hand: 2009 registration gave them a 37 per cent share of the UK market – well over 40 per cent if you add in the even smaller city car segment – while family hatchbacks had to settle for the number two spot with less than 27 per cent of registrations.

More difficult to quantify though is the new trend towards 'crossovers' – cars like the Nissan Qashqai, Skoda Yeti and Peugeot 3008.

As the name implies they straddle several sectors including family hatchback, MPV (multi-purpose vehicle) or people carrier and SUV (sports utility vehicle) and are hard to pigeon-hole under the current classification system.

Many manufacturers have already tried to apply the sexy new crossover label to what would once have been their SUV models – especially as the 4x4/SUV sector has declined – and we can expect a industry re-appraisal of how classes are defined and counted.

This could then show a burgeoning third sector comprising the new age crossover designs.



DEALINGS: Hyundai is winning sales with the cost-cutting i20 supermini while Suzuki's all-new Swift carries on the good work of its forerunner

In the meantime, registration figures from the industry's SMMT body so far this year show how superminis (S) and family hatchbacks (H) dominate the UK top 10, with only BMW's 3-Series compact executive star bucking the trend:

1) Ford Fiesta (S)

2) Ford Focus (H)
3) Vauxhall Astra (H)
4) Vauxhall Corsa (S)
5) VW Golf (H)
6) VW Polo (S)
7) Peugeot 207 (H)
8) Mini (H)

9) BMW 3-Series
10) Renault Clio (S)

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On top of this, many manufacturers and their dealers offer superb packages on finance – which banks simply cannot match – insurance and servicing.

Sometimes, the incentives also come in the form of a straight discount cheque.

There are other packages available too, such as better warranties from makes like Hyundai (five years/unlimited miles) and, just launched, Vauxhall's 'lifetime' guarantee on cars up to 100,000 miles.

Servicing deals often cost extra, but can be very cost-effective, so ask about those if one is not offered. Remember too that road tax also favours downsizing or changing to a leaner and meaner motor.

Gas guzzling limos or 4x4s now face £950 a year road tax in their first year, though it eases to £435 in year two, but the big bonus is that most superminis and many family hatchbacks now qualify for zero road tax in their first year and modest charges thereafter.

But just be aware that tax-exempt eco diesels or hybrids can cost more upfront than a cheaper equivalent from the same manufac-



WARRANTY WARS: Vauxhall's Insignia and Hyundai's i30 (bottom left) come with some of the best warranty packages on the UK market

turer and you may need to cover many miles before the fuel and road tax savings make up the difference.

Petrol power is also coming back into the frame against diesel, particularly at the lower end of the market. The fuel itself is set to stay cheaper than diesel simply because oil refining capacity is geared more to the former.

Petrol engines are also lighter and while they still cannot compete on economy with diesels, it is the savings elsewhere that quietly add up: less wear and tear on tyres and front-end mechanicals.

Diesels have also won over many sceptics with their good low-down power delivery, but small and efficient turbocharged petrol units

are making a difference here now and, with the lighter weight and nimbleness of petrol power, make for more entertaining driving characteristics.

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to add up on ditching something less efficient in favour of a modern and more eco-friendly model.

On the other hand, review your proposed part-exchange; a knee-jerk disposal and the cost of replacement could be daunting even when judged against its high running costs for the next three years.



ROAD TAX STAR: The Peugeot 207 – pictured above in CC folding hardtop convertible format – is not only trendy, but mostly cheap to tax too



STYLE STILL HAS A PLACE: the Mazda3 hatchback (above) and Skoda Yeti (top left) can be economical as well as good looking and fun to drive

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- 2 Don't be afraid to ask for trimmings like a tank of fuel, car mats or further discounts or extras.
- 3 Don't fall for what seems like a big bargain before you even haggle. It could be an unpopular engine or trim combination or a car on 'run-out' where production ceased a while ago – it might be just as thirsty as your old car and will depreciate badly.
- 4 Do pick a model that saves fuel, insurance, road tax and depreciation – it won't get any easier out there.
- 5 Don't be blinded by road tax-exempt diesel eco models – check price, running costs and green credentials and the savings over your planned ownership mileage/years and then compare against the closest standard version.
- 6 Do not assume that diesel will save you money – you will usually pay far more up front and the engines are generally heavier, which means more wear and tear on front tyres and mechanicals. The fuel is also dearer at the pumps, while petrol cars have become dramatically better on fuel and emissions and, in most cases, are far nicer to drive.
- 7 Do spare a thought for an LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) car model. LPG offers lower emissions and is roughly half the price of petrol at the pumps. There are also many more filling stations offering the fuel, so there is now no need to rely on the car's more expensive petrol tank bridging the gap between gas fill-ups.



MAKE SURE THE PRICE IS RIGHT: Malaysia's Proton offers a dual-fuel petrol and LPG version of its popular GEN-2 family hatchback and saloon models

Check your new car tax liability

ROAD tax has been used increasingly in the UK as a weapon in the war against pollution and global warming, *writes Steve Loader*.

New rates which came into force from April 1 this year, made it even clearer that cars generating the most CO2 emissions – and probably the worst fuel consumption – would be hit by the highest taxes.

In year one, these have jumped to draconian levels so that those driving the worst gas guzzlers are hit with a £950 tax disc in the first 12 months. On reflection though, this is actually peanuts for someone buying a big 4x4 or luxury car and providing they can take the hit in year

one, it does get much easier; a far better deterrent would have been to maintain the high level for ensuing years and make them think twice about buying big in the first place.

By the same token, the least polluting models attract the lowest taxes; cars creating less than 100g/km of CO2 never attract tax under the current tariff.

The next three classes also attract nothing in the first year, before being subject to quite modest charges.

Road tax dates from the late 1800s, but it was in 1910 when it was decreed that the duty would be used to fund and maintain roads, but it was not long before it was plundered – as now – for everything but road funding.

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C	111-120	Not applicable	£30
D	121-130	Not applicable	£90
E	131-140	£110	£110
F	141-150	£125	£125
G	151-165	£155	£155
H	166-175	£250	£180
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TWO success stories dominate – just as well when things are going so badly wrong for the Port of Dover.

Success number one is more cash for Ashford, which will ripple across the county.

Success number two is the Big Interview with the boss of Produced in Kent, which is putting the county's food and drink on tables across the county and nationally, while showing that it's good for quality and our taste buds to stop shipping in food – at huge cost to the environment – from all over the world.



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Troubles combine for Dover's perfect storm

By STEVE LOADER & MATTHEW BEECH

SHIPPING operations at Dover hit stormy weather this weekend as a row escalates over the port's future ownership, and ferry lines review operations in a tough market.

LD Lines announced that, almost immediately after axing one ship from its service to Boulogne, it would now shut down all passenger services from next Sunday, September 5, though a freight-only operation was under consideration.

The operator launched the service only two years ago, adding the second ship just months ago, but managing director Christophe Santoni said the move had not generated the extra traffic hoped for, adding: "A return to profitability can only be achieved for the ferry industry by adjusting supply to demand, increasing prices and market consolidation."

One of the primary operators, P&O Ferries has also warned staff it was reviewing all budgets as the ferries face up to a price war launched by the Channel Tunnel.

The commercial battle is also being fought alongside an increasingly bitter one over who will own and run the port in future, with the Government this week due to announce its views on the subject.

The current Dover Harbour Board is a trust and managers say this prevents it seeking badly-needed capital to develop the port – with privatisation the only answer.



WAITING: Future's uncertain for Port of Dover

But newly-elected Tory MP for Dover and Deal, Charlie Elphicke has championed the idea of a 'people's port', though Port of Dover chief executive Bob Goldfield hit back at the option this week.

"We share the same objectives as Charlie Elphicke, but we feel our plan delivers while his does not have enough detail and is not thought through or funded properly."

Investment

"There are two key problems behind the people's port plan. We are categorised as a public corporation and because of that we are unable to borrow any money."

"Charlie Elphicke's plan would create a new public organisation which would have the same problem, meaning it won't be able to deliver the capital needed for investment."

"Secondly, we can't see where the extra revenue will come from to pay back the loan needed to buy the port."

"The only place where it could come from is from those who use the port, but he has said he has an agreement with the operators and said there would not be any tariff increases."

"It cannot be financed."

Mr Goldfield then pointed out the similarities between the people's port bid and the plan put forward by Dover Harbour Board.

He said: "We would create a Port of Dover charitable trust which would receive £30 million of funding for investment."

"We have a new owner lined up who shares this vision and would help us provide this investment which would otherwise be very difficult to come across in these economic times."

But Mr Elphicke said: "If it can be done the people of Dover would be happier with this (people's port) proposal and it would end the threat of privatisation forever."

"The details are not for me to do and I will need to take a step back. A group of concerned local citizens have already asked me about taking the project forward."

"As part of the Government's Big Society the drive needs to come from the community, although I will remain involved with the project as it develops."

And he said the threat of a foreign group owning the port was driving the community to support his proposal, adding: "The people of Dover do not want the port sold off and this proposal would ensure the gateway to England is forever English and a part of our nation."

HS1 sell-off could bring more choice on Euro services



RAIL campaigners say selling off Kent's high-speed rail link opens the way for Ashford International to become a new focal point for rail services to Europe, *writes Ed Hill*.

Edith Robson, who campaigned successfully for reinstatement of Eurostar services between Ashford and Brussels, believes private owners would maximise the track use to generate income.

"The sale of HS1 (the high-speed link) will create an independent infrastructure managing company whose sole income will be generated by selling track access. This will therefore be an incentive to sell as much as possible and to encourage new operators," she said.

The Government wants to sell the track to private bidders to help reduce the UK debt mountain – it is thought HS1 could raise as much as £2 billion.

Eurostar is currently the sole operator offering passenger services to Europe. Many felt the company turned its back on Ashford when it halved the number of trains stopping there and began to favour Ebbsfleet in 2006.

One reason why other operators have not competed with Eurostar is due to the high standards needed for locomotives using the Channel Tunnel; trains had to be able to divide in two so that a section could be driven out of either end of the tunnel in an emergency.

However, the inter-governmental commission responsible for the route's safety abolished the rule earlier in 2010. It was argued that shorter trains may actually be quicker to evacuate to the emergency service tunnel.

As a result, German high-speed rail operator Deutsche Bahn wants to stage a test run of one

of its new trains by the end of the year and an Italian operator has also expressed interest.

Deutsche Bahn CEO Rüdiger Grube told the industry's Railway Gazette International: "Deutsche Bahn has been interested in operating international passenger services to London for some time. Our Class 407 Velaro D train unveiled at Siemens' Krefeld plant in April was developed specifically for international services, and includes additional fire safety measures."

The sale of HS1 has attracted major investment companies including Goldman Sachs and the UK's second largest pension fund, the Universities Superannuation Scheme, which looks after the pensions of retired academics.

Investors believe the line could generate massive earnings and the first bids were presented to the Government last week.

Comment

ASHFORD appears to have gained unstoppable momentum – see opposite.

Just as the coalition Government steels us for the full impact of a spending review published on October 20, Kent's boom town has had a further tranche of cash agreed for plans that will see it double in size over the next 20 years.

Despite a note of caution from Judith Armit, managing director of Ashford's Future, during my recent interview with her, it really does sound like 'business as usual' there, and a boost in confidence for surrounding towns, many of which have also benefited from being hooked up to the new high-speed rail network that has Ashford as a major hub.

Unfortunately though, it is not business as usual for many larger firms across the county who will, I'm sure, be blissfully unaware of the new CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme – see Spotlight in this issue.

It's a laudable effort to persuade and cajole firms to curb their power consumption and emissions, but with little more than a month to go to register, it seems that fewer than half of the companies affected by the scheme have troubled the mandatory registration process.

Failure to do so can trigger penalties up to £45,000. Some bosses are in for a nasty shock – no pun intended.

STEVE LOADER, BUSINESS EDITOR

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Proposals to privatise the port of Dover appear to have hit stalemate. Julie Maddocks speaks to Bob Goldfield from Dover Harbour Board, local MP Charlie Elphicke and P&O Ferries' spokesman Chris Laming



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KENT-BASED builder Bovis Homes made a pre-tax profit of £3.5 million in the first six months of the year.

And despite the changeable economic climate, the developer has also acquired 1,874 plots of land with planning permission.

This is about one year's worth of land supply and takes the group's land bank to around 13,000 consented plots, with a possible further 3,000 being acquired later this year.

Bovis made an £8.6m loss in the same period last year, but plans to resume its dividend as confidence returns to an industry badly hit by the recession.

Chief executive, David Ritchie,

Bovis profits signal a new confidence in homes sector

said: "The group has performed well in the first half of 2010, delivering a solid set of trading results during a period when the housing market has remained challenging.

"The group is well positioned to exploit opportunities to expand, with net cash in hand at June 30, 2010, of £79m and committed bank facilities of £150m, which mature in September, 2013, and provide the flexibility to support the group's land

investment ambitions. The group has the ability to increase its output capacity and profitability in the future supported by a larger land bank across an increased number of housing sites, without reliance on a general housing market recovery.

"Reflective of this, the board has agreed to resume declaring dividends at the end of 2010, subject to the continuation of current market conditions."

'Demographic time bomb' will benefit our older workforce

By **STEVE LOADER**

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KENT and the South East are set to become a land of opportunity for older people in the next five years.

This is when the so-called 'demographic time bomb' will finally explode, creating a significant gap in the region's workforce thanks to a decline of 130,000 in the number of people aged between 35-45.

At the same time, a 124,000 increase in the 45-65 group makes it ideally-placed to fill the gap.

But it will mean many firms having to embrace re-balancing their workforce and changing their mindset according to the Government's Business Link start-up agency, where Peter Griffiths is operations director.

He said: "Most businesses with a properly mixed-age workforce find it has many benefits, particularly the blend of experience with youthful energy that helps create a fully rounded business.

"South East employers should regard this as a real opportunity to improve in all sorts of areas, including strategic planning, customer service and many others.

"There are several factors that employers need to consider, including recruitment policies, offering flexible working, being open-minded about retirement age, health and safety and more."

Expectancy

Today's economic situation also appears to be fast changing employees' attitudes to retirement. A survey by insurance giant Aviva shows 68 per cent of respondents expect to work beyond the state retirement age.

This contrasts sharply with the equivalent survey in 2005, which showed 82 per cent of people hoping

to finish work before reaching the official retirement age.

Peter Griffiths added: "The recent decision to raise the state retirement age to 66 for men by 2016, and a few years later for women, really shows how rising life expectancy and the increasing proportion of older people in the population are having a major impact on the affordability and future availability of state care.

"Remaining in the workforce for longer or launching a business are now both becoming perfectly viable and attractive ways of ensuring a well-funded old age, and there's plenty of help available to make it happen.

"In our experience, many people in their 50s and older are now taking advantage of a lifetime's experience to launch their own businesses to see them through to retirement on their own terms and at a time they choose."

For more information visit www.businesslink.gov.uk/southeast/olderworkers.

Chasing energy partners

LANDOWNERS in the county can expect to be wooed into a marriage of convenience with a green energy provider.

West County Energy needs partners in small to medium-sized wind energy installations.

And the Wales-based firm says it can offer 14 years' experience in onshore wind energy generation, financial backing, as well as guaranteed income or discounted energy to landowners over a project's lifespan, in return for rights to build a wind turbine on their property.

The power could be used onsite or sold into the local grid supply network as the energy company's development manager Richard Fearnall explained.

He said: "We are hoping our proposition will make good environmental and business sense to landowners. The recently launched Feed-in Tariff scheme will have caught the attention of



A HEAD TURNER: Energy firm is after sites for wind turbines

those with the potential to consider a medium-sized wind development, but there are still many technical and financial barriers to overcome.

"We hope our proposal will not just be of interest to farmers and landowners, but to businesses and community groups located in the South East as well."



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KORECENTRIC of West Malling has acquired software provider Viasys as part of a management buyout.

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Korecentric says it will now build on these with a range of new software products, using the latest technologies from Microsoft.

Company MD Zack Hodge added: "The acquisition gives us the opportunity and flexibility to explore new ways to service existing and future clients in this sector."

NEARLY half (48 per cent) of workers in Kent say they would be more productive if able to share in profits or have an ownership stake in their employer's business, according to a Kelly Services survey.

The poll also showed 27 per cent of Kent workers have some of their pay tied to performance targets – mostly those in the younger 18-29 and 30-47 employee groups.

Many also wanted employers to play a greater role in the health of their workforce, with half of those surveyed (46 per cent) saying bosses should incentivise such changes as quitting smoking, losing weight, or taking up exercise.

CAROUSEL Logistics has followed up success at this year's Kent Excellence in Business Awards (KEiBA) by being shortlisted as a finalist in the national IFW Awards in October.

The Sittingbourne firm had reached the final three in KEiBA's Customer Service and Customer Excellence Award, but now hopes for even better in the People Development category of the contest hosted by IFW – a freight industry news service.

Carousel's nomination comes after investment in its Best of the Best Academy staff development scheme as a positive response to the economic downturn.

LAW firm Brachers has entered an 11-strong all-female team of walkers for the annual Heart of Kent Hospice Moonlit Walk on September 18.

The Kent firm has donated the walk's entrance fee for each member, and the team are now chasing further fundraising and sponsorship.

They aim to complete the Moonlit Walk together as a group, in order to offer support to one another throughout the six-mile circular route, and would encourage other local businesses to join the fun by forming a team and backing the work that the Heart of Kent Hospice does throughout the community.

ROCHESTER Bridge Trust will soon consider tenders from consultancies keen to act as its bridge engineer.

The winner will follow in the footsteps of such famous engineers as Thomas Telford and Henry Yevele – the architect of London Bridge and Westminster Abbey.

The engineer consultancy advises the historic Trust on maintenance and improvements for its bridges across the River Medway and will be responsible for asset management, monitoring and inspection, structural and highway engineering advice and design, and supervising all significant works.

Rochester Bridge Trust was founded at the end of the 14th century to provide and maintain a bridge across the Medway at no cost to the public purse, and is one of the oldest charities in the country.

The Trust's bridge clerk Sue Threader said the engineer was a prestigious and challenging role though it had been undertaken by a consultancies rather than individuals since the 1950s.

Kent powerhouse gets the cash

By **STEVE LOADER**

FRESH cash injections by the Government support claims it is 'business as usual' for the agency driving Ashford's expansion.

It means work can begin on a new look railway station forecourt and a flexible arts space within the town centre landmark church of St Mary's, using funds totalling £4.2 million for 2010-11.

It also means the fast-expanding former market town now has £54m of public money pledged for six major schemes over the next year, despite the new Government's plan to make swingeing cuts to balance the UK's books.

The news supports upbeat comments made to Business Week by Ashford's Future managing director Judith Armitt, who suggested that even a 20 per cent budget cutback would fail to slow the town's development momentum (see www.businessforkent.co.uk for full interview).

She said this week that the new money was a major vote of confidence in the town project.

"The Government clearly recognises that by pump priming a number of major transport and other projects in Ashford it can help the town to fulfil its potential to



ENERGY: Ashford Future's MD Judith Armitt

become the powerhouse of Kent," she said.

"There is a real sense of energy and optimism in Ashford. Contracts have been let and work is progressing on the ground on key projects right across the area.

"Backed by the arrival of our 37-minute high-speed rail service to London, there is huge momentum behind the development of the town and, even during these testing eco-

nomic times, we are confident that we can secure a bright future for Ashford."

The news was also welcomed by the private sector, with Jo Richards – marketing chief for Kent housebuilder Hillreed Homes – saying: "Ashford is rapidly being regenerated into an exciting and forward-thinking town.

"It is exciting to be a part of Ashford's future and house buyers are integral to its growth; and they benefit from everything new that is being created."

Ashford's Future – a public and private sector organisation, largely funded by the Government – was set up to manage the town's expansion after it was identified as a key growth area in the region.

It is now the fastest-growing town between London and the Continent and set to double in size by 2031, creating 28,000 extra jobs and 31,000 new homes.

Key aspects of a £2.5 billion investment programme include:

- two million square-feet of commercial development
- the extension to County Square Shopping Centre which opened in April, 2008
- three new residential neighbourhoods
- a new commercial quarter and the mixed use development of Elwick Place
- major works to the Ashford ring road and the two M20 junctions.

Ambitious drug firm invests £3m on new facility

FAST-growing pharmaceutical manufacturer Aesica is investing £3 million in a new facility at Queenborough on Sheppey.

The show of confidence comes from continued growth in contract manufacture of potent pharmaceutical products, which may include ingredients such as opiates.

The new secure high containment unit will be completely separate from Aesica's other Queenborough facilities, to prevent potential cross-contamination, and should be completed by next May.

The firm's commercial director Adam Sims said: "The evolution of

drug development and the use of more potent compounds has made high containment drug manufacturing a key focus for customers outsourcing their products.

"With our proven expertise in the production of formulated products and active pharmaceutical ingredients, it was a natural

progression for us to broaden our reach into this marketplace."

Aesica was founded in 2004, and has more than trebled in size, becoming a global player with four UK production sites and offices in the USA and Far East. It has stated its intention to become the world number one in its sector.



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'My Business Week...'

By TAM WOODHOUSE, is managing director of independent award-winning Millbrook Garden Centre at Gravesend

MONDAY: We carry out our weekly walk around at the Gravesend garden centre, reviewing weekend sales and planning the week ahead.

This week the focus was on our new spring bulb displays which are just being set up.

Each year we create a display using the name of a bulb as the theme and this year it's Red Riding Hood, a fantastic vibrant red tulip, and we've got a great display planned, with a wolf's head and mannequins arriving to complete the fairytale scene.

Then it's off to our plant growing nursery in Crowborough, just up the road from our second garden centre.

Here we grow a lot of the perennials and shrubs that Millbrook sells. The polytunnels that collapsed under the weight of snow in the winter are currently being replaced.

Next year we plan to grow a lot more of our own plants and these new tunnels will help produce great quality and keep our growing miles low.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY: It's time for our management team to spend its annual two days away in Tunbridge Wells, business planning.

This is a great opportunity for us to stop and think about what we have achieved in the past 12 months.

This year included the award for the Best Small Garden Centre in the South East at our Crowborough site and a Garden Centre Award of

Merit for Gravesend, along with some great customer feedback.

Like any business we constantly look for ways to make Millbrook a better place to visit and work and it is good to take some time out with a great team to plan for this.

THURSDAY: Back in Gravesend to look at how our building project is getting on.

We are extending our covered plant shopping space, opening in November, and moving our outside plant sales area to create a beautifully landscaped shopping area to be ready next spring.

FRIDAY: It's an early start for a landscaping meeting over at our Crowborough-based Millbrook Landscapes division, which works all over Kent and the South East. They have some exciting projects on the go.

There is a general flurry of excitement and unpacking as the team get a sneak preview of Christmas decorations ordered back in February, but now starting to arrive.

We have set up a sale of last year's stock with up to 50 per cent off and I've noticed that some customers are already starting to pick up a few decorations.

The main Christmas displays will be set up in October ready for half term.

The remainder of the day disappears in a blur of meetings, making sure we are ready for a busy Bank Holiday weekend.



JULIE MONKMAN

JUST as its members nurture their home-grown products, Produced in Kent is reaping the reward of seeds carefully sown by its flagship event.

The annual Taste of Kent Awards, currently at the planning stage before the 2010 gongs are handed out at a glittering ceremony early next year, has become a bumper crop.

Votes by the public for the previous awards reached 10,000 – an 89 per cent increase on the year before which, in turn, had seen a 42 per cent boost.

Produced in Kent (PiK) manager Julie Monkman reckons the group can do even better this year, attributing the trend to better publicity, but also consumers starting "to get" the idea of returning to local and seasonal produce and the better taste and enjoyment that comes from it.

It is pretty clear she is passionate about this; her parents met at catering college and have run a successful catering and restaurant business in the family's home county of Yorkshire.

Her brother Chris runs a successful gastro pub and restaurant and two of his three sons are chefs.

"When we get together, all we talk about is food and drink," said Julie.

"It's a family passion and they love the stuff I bring up from Kent for them to try."

Initially, Julie avoided the family business though and opted for a career in the finance and corporate sectors before coming full circle to what she calls her "dream job" two years ago.

"I'd done this re-organisation plan for the barristers' body the Bar Council," she said.

"They'd been working in the 19th century and I don't think they quite knew what had hit them when I arrived, but I did not want to stay on to implement the plan – it would have meant working full-time in London."

"So I bailed out without knowing what I wanted to do."

"I had reached the stage where quality of life is more important. I wasn't wild about spending hours commuting every day."

"Then I saw this job in Kent on Sunday. It leapt off the page and grabbed me."

"It was asking for such a diverse range of skills, yet I could tick all the boxes and then added 'an interest in the food and drink industry would be useful, but not essential'."

"On top of all that, I was living in the county – I've been here 27 years and now live in Watlington – although this job has made me realise Kent is more rural (85 per cent) than I ever thought."

Produced in Kent – a not-for-profit organisation – had been formed in 2005, taking over from the former Kentish Fare.

Kent County Council (KCC) provided funding and membership for free initially, but the organisation was revised in 2008, when Hadlow College – where the body is also based – joined the funding and management board.

"KCC and Hadlow have been absolutely fantastic. They have let us get on and run this as you would your own business," said Julie.

"We love helping businesses develop and prosper and organising events where the public can come and eat wonderful Kentish food."

Membership slumped from 600 to a hardcore of a little over 100 though when subscriptions came in.

It has recovered to 185, with a 45 per cent surge last year alone and

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THE BIG INTERVIEW

CLOCKING up food miles – transporting food over vast distances – can no longer be tolerated in the battle against global warming.

So, as the wings of the big international fresh produce cargo planes are clipped and UK farmland prices take off, the case for local produce looks less like whimsy and more like plain good sense.

And no-one talks more sense in this field than the straight-talking Yorkshire woman – is there any other kind? – who heads Produced in Kent and its hugely successful Taste of Kent Awards.

Business editor STEVE LOADER met with **JULIE MONKMAN**, who has used skills honed in the City and the motor industry to sharpen up the organisation that aims to make us eat, drink and think Kent produce



JULIE MONKMAN



JULIE MONKMAN'S CV

1978 – joined Midland Bank, now HSBC

1985 – joined motor finance firm UDT

1996 – joined MCL, the motor finance arm of Mazda Cars, then based in Tunbridge Wells

2002 – joined the members' services arm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants

2006 – project work for the Bar Council before joining Produced in Kent

Julie is adamant the change was vital to generate income and remove reliance on public funding, to deliver greater credibility.

She added: "To gain good and solid business support, it was right and proper that members should pay something towards that."

The charges look reasonable though – from just £50 a year and banded according to turnover.

Members also get a free copy of the group's newly-created 'bible', The Producers' Handbook stuffed with tips as diverse as setting up a website and writing a business plan – it sells to non-members for £39.99.

"I can't tell you the amount of work that went into that," she said.

"But I'm confident that it's a first in this country and if it's dissected and copied... I don't mind."

"On top of that, if we don't know the answer to something we will find someone that does."

She bristles though when she looks at the counterpart organisation in her native Yorkshire, which has also tried to usurp Kent's traditional label as the Garden of England.

"That's absolutely ridiculous," she said. "They're on a hiding to nothing with that – and I'm from Yorkshire."

Yorkshire's equivalent of PiK also has a publicly-funded turnover of £1.6 million a year and 25 staff, compared with £300,000 and four for the Kent outfit – which also includes Stephanie Durling (business development), Jill Sargent (membership) and Amy Chrisp – a food nutrition graduate enjoying her first job after university.

"The difference in funding is mind-blowing," said Julie.

"But when I see what we produce and the credibility we have, it makes me really proud of what we do and achieve. And we have a fantastic team, with skills and personalities that gel well. I just wish we had more people like them so that we could do so much more."

She is heartened though that the PiK oast house logo is now more widely recognised and members are making more of it.

"We know that from their requests to use it on labels for their products," she said.

"There's a perception now it's a quality mark. That's the breakthrough."

She is also pleased to see the growing confidence in Kent producers to push outside of the county's traditional fruit growing sector.

"We've got some really good cheesemakers winning medals and awards, beating products from established producers like Yorkshire and Somerset and getting into top retailers and restaurants."

"And they are not copying other people, but doing their own thing."

"But I'm also pleased to see hops coming back and microbreweries starting up – we're currently updat-

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Julie's making sure that county shows great taste



CONSUMER GROUP: Produced in Kent educates and raises the profile of Kent produce through various countywide events as well as hosting their prestigious Taste of Kent awards ceremony

JULIE'S TOP TIPS

- **NETWORK YOUR HEART OUT** – "I started out in banking, but just found it boring. I love working with and meeting people; it opens doors and brings new experience."
- **LEARN AS MUCH AS YOU CAN FROM THE EXPERTS** – "I've been lucky to work with some amazing people and learnt a lot from them. I really believe you can gain more from that than going to college, uni, because I never did."
- **RESEARCH YOUR MARKET BEFORE YOU TAKE THE PLUNGE** – "If we get another call from someone who wants to be a member and is making cupcakes... that market is saturated."

ing our Hops and Downs food trail booklet. The only slight concern is the number of pubs continuing to close.

"We are in tough times though and I would have expected more of our small producers to go out of business, so it's great to see Kent bucking the trend."

"It is one of our key roles to help them thrive; they are growing and making wonderful things, but they so often struggle with 'what do we do with it, how do we package it, market it, brand it, label it and who do we talk to about sell by dates?'"

She is annoyed by the pressures they face from supermarkets, though.

"The way they treat producers, sell cheap alcohol and import food – often great distances – all go against what we do," she said.

"But I'm encouraged by what we are hearing so far from the new Government. There does appear to be recognition that more local decisions need to be made locally."

While local producers await that tangible help, she pledged PiK would continue to educate and raise the profile of Kent products through events such as the Taste of Kent awards, the Kent Food and Drink Festival with Eurofair (Sept 24-26), Create Fruit and Veg Masterpiece – a children's competition using local seasonal fruit and veg to produce works of art – and the Kent Young Chef competition for secondary schools.

Julie admits it leaves little time for her golf, yoga and keep fit, but she is happy to have returned to the 'family business' – food and drink.

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Site manager honoured for hitting the Heights

ANDY Doble, a site manager for Kent-based property developer Pentland Homes, has received a prestigious award from the National House Builders Council.

The Pride in the Job Quality Award relates to Pentland Homes' 13-unit Folkestone development Westbourne Heights, and Mr Doble faced stiff competition nationwide.

Judging takes account of quality across the nominated sites and Mr Doble was praised for technical expertise, high health and safety standards, strong leadership and the consistent high quality of the development.

Mr Doble has worked in construction for 20 years and been with Pentland Homes for the last six.

He said: "I am delighted to have won this award. I have been in the industry for a long time and it is nice to have my work recognised."

Pentland has previously won a gold What House? Award for best house at its Bayeuxfields develop-



WINNING WAYS: Andy Doble

ment in Hawkinge, Folkestone – the 12-year-old firm also has its headquarters in the same area.

The company's sales and marketing director Janet Burnell said: "We are extremely proud of Andy for winning this award; he does a fantastic job of ensuring that Westbourne Heights is of the highest quality possible, which is key to Pentland Homes' values."

German travel trade wowed by Visit Kent

VISITS to Kent and Medway by German tourist chiefs have leapt by 516 per cent following successful targeting of the country's travel trade industry.

For the past four years Visit Kent has attended the German RDA-Workshop, which attracts more than 11,200 group leisure and coach tour companies. And Kent has been the only UK destination represented at the major European travel trade fair in Cologne for the past three years.

The Kent and Medway German trade fair team included representatives from seven Visit Kent business partners – Canterbury Cathedral, English Heritage, Hever Castle, Eurotunnel, P&O Ferries, Medway Council and the University of Kent.

Sandra Matthews-Marsh, chief executive of Visit Kent, said: "This is a perfect example of how working in partnership enables Kent tourism, to take part in trade exhibitions which no company can afford to undertake on its own. Buyers were delighted with our team approach showcasing such a wide range of what Kent and Medway has to offer."

"Tourism is vital to the economy of Kent and Medway. It supports more than 3,000 small and medium-size businesses and 50,600 jobs. Our 45 mil-

lion visitors each year contribute £2.5 billion directly to the local economy."

Earlier this year Visit Kent, a public private sector partnership, was named Destination Marketing Organisation of the Year by UKinbound – the body representing businesses with an interest in inbound tourism including tour operators and suppliers – beating off strong opposition from such high-profile competitors as Visit London.

Christina Ott, of JAC Travel, a regular visitor to the German trade fair,



SUCCESS: (from left) Ann Watt of Hever Castle, Lynnette Clark of Visit Kent, Mary Sewell of Medway Council and Therese Heslop of Canterbury Cathedral at the German travel trade fair

said: "Visit Kent is raising awareness of the region and supports us by providing a wide range of information for our German clients."

"With no other UK tourist organisation present at RDA, Visit Kent and partners do an outstanding job representing the Kent area."

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Firm calling time on recession talk

CALL centre firm GoResponse is defying concerns the UK is on the brink of a double-dip recession by setting new records in business handled.

Based at Sittingbourne's Kent Science Park, it believes that its own performance shows that recovery is possible.

GoResponse, set up in 2003, had just set a new daily record for the number of calls handled when it smashed it again just four days later.

The landmarks, while warmly welcomed, have come as little surprise to managers though after a record quarter between April and June.

GoResponse managing director Mark Kirby said: "Beating our daily calls record twice in five days was

brilliant and really showed the kinds of results that can be achieved, despite the economic conditions."

"After a very tough 2009, we resolved to look closely at the way GoResponse operates, reviewing and re-engineering many processes within the business."

"We're definitely now seeing the results of being much more efficient, re-organised and focused on delivery."

"There is also a sense we have now seen the worst of the economic crisis, and although we will not be back to the good old days for a while, there is the confidence to move forwards and make commercial decisions."

James Speck, site director at Kent Science Park, said: "I'm delighted for

GoResponse and all their staff."

"They have traded successfully through the worst recession in living memory and have remained a reliable employer providing good quality jobs for local people, with three quarters of their staff living in Swale."

Paul Price, director of Thames Gateway Chamber of Commerce said: "In 2009, GoResponse won the title of Swale Business of the Year, and to now be regularly breaking their daily record of calls handled and growing at this time is a testament to the leadership of Mark Kirby and the performance of his team, something all business leaders in our region should take heart from and try to emulate."

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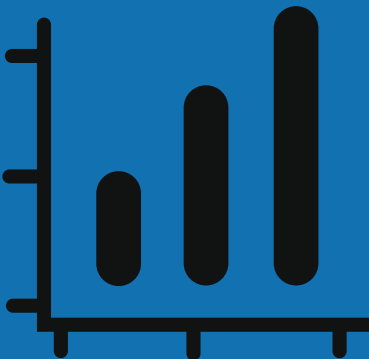
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Builder wins industry award practicing what it preaches

By **STEVE LOADER**

DIRECTLINE Structures, a Kent-based building design and construction company, landed an award at this year's prestigious London and South East Constructing Excellence Awards.

The Ashford firm, which has been developing commercial steel buildings since 1988, won the SME (small to medium enterprises) category for the design and construction of its own new showpiece headquarters, Orbital House, on Ashford's Orbital Business Park.

It was Directline Structures' debut in these awards, which attracted hundreds of entries including some big names in construction.

Directline was praised for its "proactive approach to lean design and construction" and the firm's managing director Duncan Murray, said: "Designing our own building gave us the opportunity to practice what we preach and prove that a sustainable building can be cost effective, good looking and a pleasant place to work."

"Sustainability also results in lower running



STRUCTURED:
Orbital House

costs and enhances the long-term value of the building. We are very proud to win this award and it reflects well on our dedicated team."

Orbital House, a two-storey 1,100-square-metre building, has several environmentally-friendly features including a rainwater harvester for flushing toilets, plus air source heating which keeps the building at a comfortable temperature.

Mr Murray added: "Building Orbital House allowed us to really push the boundaries of innovative and sustainable design."

"The site we chose was a challenging shape

and on a steep slope, but we saw this as an opportunity rather than a problem."

"By putting all of our expertise, skill and experience into the design, we saved at least 20 per cent in materials, generated a very small amount of waste, much of which was used as building material, and didn't have to remove any earth from the site."

The Constructing Excellence Awards are held across nine regions in recognition of professionalism, excellence and innovation within the industry. Directline now joins competition for the national awards in November.

Energy crackdown invites cost-cutting

COMPANIES are now six months into a 'carrot and stick' drive by the Government to cut energy consumption, but many are either unaware or ignoring it and will soon be liable to fines up to £45,000, *writes Sarah Easton*.

The CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme (CRC) of April 1, 2010, is a mandatory emissions trading scheme to encourage large businesses and public sector bodies to save energy in return for public recognition and financial reward.

Qualification and participation is based on supplies of electricity to organisations rather than individual properties, and generally applies to those with at least one half-hourly electricity meter (a specific type of meter typically installed at properties with a high level of electricity usage) and having used more than 6,000 MWh of electricity in 2008.

Organisations using less energy will not have to participate, but may have to provide information to the Environment Agency.

The scheme's Introductory Phase runs until March 31 2013, during which the Government will sell allowances at a fixed price of £12 per tonne of CO₂.

Participants must buy allowances to cover CO₂ emissions linked with their expected energy use and some will gain as bonuses in return if they improve energy efficiency.

Organisations must register online by September 30 this year, through the Environment Agency website, but statistics show less than half the organisations required to register have done so. Failure to register by that deadline will mean an immediate fine of £5,000 and then £500 for each day after that, up to a maximum of £45,000.

• *Sarah Easton is from legal firm Thomson Snell and Passmore.*

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Timeline

KOS Media sport takes a look at the highlights of all the sporting action from the last 50 years

1960 50 YEARS AGO: JUST two-fifths of a second separated the top two in the Kentish Hundred Trophy at Brands Hatch, after 70 miles of racing at the West Kingsdown circuit.

Jim Clark took the chequered flag in his Lotus, just a fraction in front of team-mate Dan Gurney, a Californian veteran of the Korean War then living in Kent.

Gurney's last lap was the fastest of the afternoon, 1:42.6, a fifth of a second faster than Stirling Moss's previous mark, but it wasn't quite enough to thwart Clark.

Two works Porsches, driven by Sweden's Jo Bonnier and Graham Hill, came third and fourth respectively.

Gillingham managed a resounding 4-2 win over Worthington at Priestfield in Division Four, while in the Isthmian League Bromley beat Walthamstow Avenue 5-3 at Hayes Lane, and Maidstone United trounced Clapton 5-1 at the Athletic Ground.

1985 25 YEARS AGO: KENT terminated Graham Johnson's contract after the 38-year-old refused to play for the county in a tour match with Australia.

Johnson, told he was being released at the end of the season a fortnight earlier, refused to play for a second consecutive time in a game Kent lost by seven wickets.

Kent, ravaged by injuries, were forced to play manager Brian Luckhurst at the age of 46, while Richard Ellison, named in the England squad for the final Ashes Test at The Oval, did not bowl in the second innings.

Tony Cascarino struck twice in the second-half as Gillingham came from behind to beat Bristol City 2-1 at Ashton Gate.

In the Gola League Maidstone beat Bath 3-2 at home, but Dartford slipped to a 2-1 defeat at Dagenham.

Folkestone lost 4-2 at Fisher in the Southern League Premier Division, while in the Southern Division Ashford and Tonbridge drew 2-2 at Essella Park, and Canterbury beat Dover 2-1 at Crabble.

2000 10 YEARS AGO: RAHUL Dravid struck a majestic 104 as Kent beat Worcestershire by 44 runs at St Lawrence.

Kent lost openers Matt Walker and Steve Marsh cheaply, before James Hockley made 64 and Dravid's innings off 98 balls gave them a platform.

Despite a mini-collapse from 208 for 4 to 228 for 8 from 45 overs, Kent were in control after Martin McCague broke an opening stand of 81 when he had James Pipe caught by Dravid.

The visitors slumped from 81 for no wicket to 110 for 7 before being bowled out for 184.

It's a family affair

By TOM HOWARD

RALLYCROSS fans are expected to flock to Lydden Hill on Bank Holiday Monday for the sixth round of the British Championship.

With the season swiftly moving towards its climax, a bumper field of 85 drivers will be striving for points to boost their championship hopes.

In the top supercar category, the title race could be blown wide open, with former champion Pat Doran unable to compete due to a back injury. He will be replaced by son Liam, who is starring in his debut season in the European Rallycross Championship.

Expectation

The Sittingbourne-based driver, who is joint third in the European standings, is looking forward to his return to the British Championship.

However, after this season becoming the first Brit to win a European event for 20 years, he feels the crowd will expect him to deliver at his home circuit.

He said: "After picking up the results I have in Europe there is some expectation on me to perform.

"In a way if I don't win here then I will look a little stupid. The season has gone

Euro star Liam Doran to take over at the wheel from injured father Pat in British championship round at Lydden

STAND-IN: Liam Doran returns from European Championship action to help his dad out

great for me. I have a great car and team behind me, but I have honed my skills this season and the results have followed.

"It should be a fun event. In some respects there is less pressure on me as I'm not

fighting for the championship, but there will be pressure after the season I've had in Europe this year."

Racing begins at 9am on Bank Holiday Monday.



THIRD: Blackheath & Bromley's Scott Overall returned to action in the 5,000m event

Promotion missed and relegation confirmed for Kent athletic teams

THE British Athletics League (BAL) ended in disappointment for two Kent clubs last weekend, with one missing out on promotion and the other relegated.

Blackheath & Bromley Harriers men went into their final Division One meeting at Liverpool with a slim chance of promotion to the top flight. In the end a weakened team were fortunate to have already guaranteed their safety from relegation after a number of mishaps consigned them to last place.

Andy Rayner and Ed Harrison were injured, while Duayne Bovell was disqualified for a false start in the 200m and Alex Pope could not register a throw in the hammer. One of the few encouraging performances saw Scott Overall return to the track, finishing third in the 5,000m.

Despite the problems, team manager Pat Calnan was content with the season as a whole, after winning promotion last season.

He said: "I'm relatively happy because we didn't go back down. We're a stronger team than we were 12 months ago, but to progress next summer we need some better field eventers and a bit more depth overall."

Staying up helped offset the disappointment felt in the women's team, who were relegated this month after only one season in the UK Women's Athletics League's Premier Division.

Medway & Maidstone's men also experienced the sinking feeling after finishing bottom of the BAL's Division Four. Needing a strong result to avoid a second successive relegation, they came last in the final round at Guernsey, sealing their fate.

McGuirk collapse hands Raitt Kent Open

PRINCE'S Golf Club hosted an eventful PGA Kent Open Championship last weekend, which saw Rob McGuirk lose a big lead in the final round.

The Prince's professional shot a course record in the second round to lead by six strokes, but Andy Raitt burst from the pack over the last 18 holes to take victory by a single stroke.

Strong winds made scoring difficult throughout, making McGuirk's second round 66, a record off the new back tees, all the more impressive.

Raitt reached the turn in one-under, but the leaders were coming back towards him, with McGuirk dropping five shots on the front nine.



WINNER: Andy Raitt (right) with top amateur Ronan McGuirk

Birdies at 15 and 16 got Raitt within range of victory and a superb approach shot to the final hole set him up for the birdie he needed to avoid a play-off.

Raitt's victory means he is now second in the

Virgin Atlantic Order of Merit, behind Wallis (Walmer & Kingsdown), whose fourth place at Prince's kept him on top as the tour moved to the Surrey PGA Championship this weekend.



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We catch up with the man who's been set the challenge of bringing the World Cup back for the first time in 52 years



Interview with
chief sports writer
DAVID PRITCHARD

IT IS almost 50 years since the first Minister for Sport took office, but it is safe to say none of the previous incumbents had the overflowing in-tray facing Hugh Robertson.

The London 2012 Olympics and a World Cup bid head that list, and indeed the focus for the Faversham and Mid Kent MP this week was on escorting Fifa's inspection team around the venues in England's 2018 package. The visit itself, while not critical to success, was a key milestone in the countdown to the decision, now less than 100 days away.

While Robertson, 47, stopped short of sharing Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg's assessment this week that England's bid is "unbeatable", he remains optimistic.

"England's 2018 bid is in my view the best technical bid Fifa will get," he said. "I can be as confident about it as that."

"The stadia are in great shape, you can guarantee an economic return – you're not going to have a problem with unfilled stadia in this country, people will go and watch World Cup football."

"Through the Premier League we have a mechanism to deliver an international legacy because little kids running around in Africa all follow the Premier League. They don't follow La Liga or Serie A, so we have the ability through the sort of people who compete in the Premier League to deliver a proper international legacy."

"For all those reasons I would be supremely confident. The problem is international sports bids are not always about the technical merits of the schemes in front of you. It's all about international politics and all sorts of other things."

Nothing is being taken for granted and having met the new sports minister, that's not something you could accuse him of doing as he goes about his work. Over the next three months the race is on for Robertson and the bid team to win the backing from at least 13 members of Fifa's executive committee ahead of the vote in December.

Pressure

"Some of those are completely resistant to political pressure and believe sport should never mix with politics," he said. "I suppose in the end 2018 will probably come down to a decision over whether Fifa want to back us, knowing we can deliver. Effectively they can give it to us and forget about it because we'll get on with it, deliver a financial return and it will work, barring some ghastly security disaster; or whether they want to do something very much more edgy."

England will certainly head to the announcement in Zurich with considerably more confidence than when the London 2012 team travelled to Singapore five years ago.

Seen as outsiders behind Madrid and Paris, the newly-appointed shadow Sports and Olympics Minister travelled to South

East Asia in hope more than expectation, like the vast majority of the delegation.

Now the Olympic Park is coming to life on Robertson's watch, with the project ahead of schedule and under budget. A variety of organisational hurdles still lie ahead, but the thought of hosting the world's biggest sporting event is clearly one that excites, rather than intimidates.



TECHNICALLY SOUND: England star David Beckham hands England's 2018 World Cup bid to Fifa chief Sepp Blatter



SPORTING CHANCE: Hugh Robertson, pictured with Lord Coe, says the London Olympics are 'the most inspirational calling card'

Carrying the torch

From the Army to politics before 'falling into sport', Kent's Hugh Robertson talks about England's 2018 World Cup bid, the 2012 Olympics in London and the legacy it will leave in the county

He said: "If you ever get slightly miserable when you have days when things don't go right, you just need to go and stand on the Olympic Park in Stratford, remember what it was like in 2005 and look at what it's become."

"It's the most incredibly inspirational calling card and I would say to anyone reading this article, if you have any doubts about this project just take the train to Stratford, walk down the Greenway because it provides the best vantage point and see what is taking shape. It's genuinely inspirational."

It is now six years since Robertson took up his first political post in sport, which represents a surprising longevity for someone who, by his own admission, "fell into" the area. Sport, particularly cricket and hockey, had always played a big part in his life, from growing up in Canterbury, through university and a career in the Army, but only as a source of relaxation.

"I suppose what I tried to do was use the experience I had in the Army, and the short time I worked for the Foreign Office in Yugoslavia in the early 1990s, to try and gain an expertise on foreign affairs and defence," he said.

"If you had said to me when I got elected in 2001 that my political career as it looks likely to be will be defined by sport, I would have thought you were mad."

It could prove to be a happy accident for Kent sport to have one of the county's MPs as sports minister in the run-up to the Olympics. Although the ministerial code means he cannot influence matters for his own constituency, there are benefits.

Benefit

Under his influence the hugely successful Kent School Games has been highlighted and will become the model for a nationwide 'Schools Olympics'. It is hoped the project will be launched this autumn, with the first finals due to be held in the Olympic stadium during the run up to 2012.

Robertson said: "The greatest benefit [from the Olympics] is going to be in school sport and Kent spotted that straight away and started the Kent School Games. I'm very proud of what they've done and I want to make sure that moving forward, given that we are right on the doorstep of London 2012, Kent really benefits from this."



PICK: Azhar Mahmood

Kent call on Mahmood to help battle drop

KENT hope to pick all-rounder Azhar Mahmood for next week's crucial LV=County Championship game against Warwickshire at Edgbaston, writes Glenn Pearson.

The 35-year-old is on a pay-as-you-play deal for championship cricket having only signed a one-day contract at St Lawrence, but the county are keen to include him in the trip to

Birmingham as Rob Key's side bid to stave off relegation from Division One.

That means the former Pakistan international will not feature in Sunday's Clydesdale Bank 40 (CB40) clash with Hampshire at the Rose Bowl, or Bank Holiday Monday's trip to Leicestershire.

Although the club will be looking to win both games to take momentum into

their final three fixtures of the championship, the CB40 takes a back seat while Kent look to keep hold of their position in the top tier of cricket.

Tuesday's trip to Edgbaston is the first of three huge games for the club, which is followed by Hampshire's visit to Canterbury and an away game at Headingley Carnegie against Yorkshire in the final match of the season.

Head coach Paul Farbrace said his side have long targeted the Warwickshire and Hampshire games as ones they must win to ensure they are not required to go to Headingley needing a victory to stay up.

"We have always been viewing the next two games as the two big games that we need to win and that's the target we have set," he said.

Picture: ADY KERRY



Northeast hits form with 2nd XI century

SAM Northeast was in great touch with the bat as he hit a big century in Kent's 2nd XI victory against Surrey's second string.

The 20-year-old opener hit 152 not out to set up a 108-run win at the St Lawrence Ground in the 2nd XI Trophy.

It allowed valuable time in the middle for the youngster, who will be needed to contribute in the first-team's survival battle in the LV= County Championship during the final month of the season.

Picture: NICK DUNGAN



Hill eyes return to top spot at Cadwell

TOMMY Hill is eyeing a return to the top of the British Superbike standings at Cadwell Park this Bank Holiday weekend.

The Beckenham-born rider endured a miserable meeting at home circuit Brands Hatch last time out, which saw him lose his grip at the top of the standings. However, with the season rapidly drawing towards a close, he is desperate for another impressive points haul.

Qualifying begins Sunday, followed by two races on Monday.

Wheelchair warriors

THE fast and furious world of wheelchair rugby league will be on show as the England team hold an exhibition at Medway Park on Sunday.

The sport is a version of wheelchair rugby, but its rules are based on rugby league.

England are the reigning world champions and the squad will be showing off their skills as part of introducing the sport to local rugby league club Medway Dragons.

Entry is free and there will also be the chance to try out the sport from 10am.



Coulthard gives Jake the DTM Brands tour

EX-Formula One driver David Coulthard met up with BBC F1 presenter Jake Humphrey at Brands Hatch this week to give him a taste of the DTM.

The Scot has been competing in the German-based touring car championship this season, which heads to the Kent circuit next weekend.

He said: "I haven't been to Brands Hatch since 1991. I never imagined at that stage in my career all those years ago that I'd be racing at Brands Hatch in a touring car."

Qualifying for the DTM begins next Saturday with the feature race on Sunday.



Joseph injury hell continues

Kent paceman to go under the knife again as shoulder injury ends season

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By **GLENN PEARSON**

FAST bowler Robbie Joseph is set for a second operation on his troublesome shoulder next week, ruling him out of action for the rest of the season.

It will be the second operation the Kent seamer has undergone in the space of a year to eradicate a problem caused by a dislocation in the game against Surrey at the Oval in June last year.

The 28-year-old managed to play just four first-class games last season before it was decided he would have an operation on the shoulder towards the end of the campaign, in the hope he would be available to play a big part this year.

Discomfort

The Antiguan-born quick bowler worked hard during pre-season and was set to play at the beginning of the summer, but suffered a set-back when he felt discomfort while bowling.

Joseph had a cortisone injection to help relieve the build up of fluid on his shoulder and was able to see some action last month, but after three appearances – just one in the championship – he suffered another set-back and hasn't featured in the first-team since.

It's been decided that he will undergo a procedure on Wednesday that it's hoped will determine the cause of the problem and will be followed by surgery if deemed necessary.

Kent physio Nimmo Reid, who has worked along-

side Joseph for the last year, said he was "gutted" for the player, but hopes next week's operation will get to the bottom of the problem.

"He bowled 25 overs against Hampshire last month and was looking pretty good, but then had a set-back the following week when it flared it up again," he said. "We did not want to do another cortisone injection because there has to be a reason for why he is still getting discomfort."

"He is in good physical shape and he has worked really hard, but when it comes to bowling he still feels some pain, so it appears he must have some subtle instability there still."

"It's pretty disappointing all round because he has put a lot of work in."

It's a big blow for the county, who will now have their fingers crossed that surgery is successful, as his presence in the bowling attack will be essential next summer.

Fellow seamer Ashley Shaw, recruited at the start of the summer from minor counties cricket, is also set for an operation next week as a result of a build of pressure on his shins. The left-arm seamer has suffered with the problem for most of the season and is due for an operation on Thursday. He will be out of action for six to eight weeks, ruling him out of playing anymore cricket before the end of the season.

Reid said: "Ash has suffered bilateral shin pain which is probably as a result of his increased work load this year. He will be out for about six to eight weeks, but will be good to go for the start of next season where he should be able to play all formats of the game."

LATEST SET-BACK:
Robbie Joseph's season is over after his shoulder problem flared up again
Pictures: ADY KERRY

County opt to release Edwards

KENT seamer Phil Edwards became the fourth player released by the county this week as the club look to make savings on their playing budget.

The 26-year-old, who is currently on trial at Northamptonshire, follows James Hockley, Warren Lee and Rob Ferley to have left

the county in the last two months.

Edwards, who plays club cricket for Gore Court, has struggled to make an impact since making his first-class Kent debut against Northamptonshire last season.

He has picked up 15 wickets in his 12 first-class games for Kent at an average of 64.33 and last

appeared for the county in the opening game of the season against Nottinghamshire.

Head coach Paul Farbrace said: "I would like to thank Phil for the contribution that he has made. He wants to stay in the game so we wish him well and hope that he is successful in his future career."

LET GO: Phil Edwards

Five to go for gold at Commonwealths

Pictures: ADY KERRY

FIVE Kent athletes will be dreaming of winning gold after being called up to the England squad for the Commonwealth Games in October, *writes Tom Howard*.

Reigning Commonwealth 1500m champion Lisa Dobriskey, Montell Douglas, Tom Bosworth, Grace Clements and Martin Brockman were all named in the squad last Monday for the upcoming Games, to be held in Delhi, India.

Dobriskey, the Ashford-born middle-distance runner, will be one of the favourites to win gold at the Games as she looks to successfully defend the title she won at Melbourne in 2006.

The 26-year-old world silver medallist has decided to compete in both the 800m and 1500m, which will see her come up against the much talked about South African athlete Caster Semenya. The controversial athlete won world championship gold in Berlin and is back racing after 11 months out following a long running series of gender tests.

Dobriskey said: "It's great to be included in the squad and everyone is really looking forward to it. I've put my name down to compete

HIGH HOPES: (l-r) Sprinter Montell Douglas and middle distance runner Lisa Dobriskey

in the 800m, but I will see how it goes. I'm not necessarily going down the Kelly Holmes route as she was a different kind of athlete to me.

"I have just been focusing on my running and tried not to get bogged down with the political situation with the whole Caster debate. Everyone has a right to compete and I have faith in the decisions made by the IAAF."

Pembury-born race walker Bosworth will be

making his debut in the championships. The 20-year-old Tonbridge Athletic Club athlete has impressed this season, winning the national 20K walk championships, and he is already eyeing a top-five finish in India.

Bosworth said: "It's just about sunk in now. It's a massive honour to represent your country and to be honest, I'm speechless. I never thought I would be in this position a couple of years ago. I just can't wait to compete out there now."

Probably the most surprised of the five to earn selection is Medway & Maidstone decathlete Martin Brockman. The 22-year-old has endured mixed results this season, but is looking forward to making his major championship debut.

Brockman said: "I'm absolutely delighted to be selected and a little nervous as this is by far the biggest event I have ever been a part of."

Douglas, the Blackheath & Bromley sprinter, has been selected to race in the 100m and 4x100m relay, while Clements, the Dartford Harriers multi-eventer, will compete in the heptathlon.

All hands on deck at Gills

Stack of injuries leaves Hess unable to offload players as the transfer deadline looms

By DAVID PRITCHARD

A LENGTHY injury list has put paid to any plans Gillingham had of selling players before the transfer window closes next week.

Andy Hessenthaler has brought in 10 players during the summer, but other than the group released in May after their contracts were not renewed, only Simeon Jackson has moved on. It means the club has a first-team squad of 28, which places a strain on the playing budget.

The Gills boss told Kent on Sunday earlier this month there were players he wanted to sell, although he admitted it was going to be difficult to find buyers in a depressed transfer market.

But any plans to lighten the squad this month have been scuppered by an unexpectedly large number of injuries.

There were 11 first-team players out at

one stage, and for two successive games Gillingham only named six substitutes, rather than seven.

The injured players are beginning to return, but it was offset this week by the news Alan Julian and Curtis Weston will be out for two weeks each to overcome minor problems.

As a result Hessenthaler is not expecting to do any business before the transfer window closes on Tuesday evening.

"I wouldn't have thought so, more chance when the loan window opens," he said. "The more players we get back, the more chance there is of people going. Players want to play and if they're not we might have to make a decision on a few."

"We need to get the budget down a bit, even loans will help the monthly loan wage structure. 'I've had a chat with the chairman and he's been very good. He understands the injury list we've got, but once we get everybody back we need to trim it down. He's not put me under any pressure, but if we need to get anyone else in over the next few months we would definitely have to move players out on loan."

DILEMMA: Injuries to the likes of Alan Julian (above) leave Andy Hessenthaler with no choice but to keep hold of players

Pictures: ADY KERRY



Clubs bank on happy Monday

NON LEAGUE PREVIEW

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

THE frenetic start to the football season continues tomorrow with a full programme of non-league fixtures on Bank Holiday Monday.

For some clubs it will be their sixth game in 17 days, the busiest period of the entire campaign as the early tables begin to take shape.

No-one has made a better start than Bromley, who went into this weekend as the only side in the Conference South with a 100 per cent record. The Lillywhites visit a Bishop's Stortford side well beaten in midweek by Dartford, who are away to Chelmsford City tomorrow.

Welling United and Dover Athletic will also be looking to consolidate their strong starts at home to Lewes and Thurrock respectively. After losing their first two home games of the season, Ebbsfleet United will try again to open their account at Stonebridge Road with the visit of Braintree Town.

There are two Kent derbies in the



AWAY: Charlie Sheringham and Dartford take on Chelmsford City

Ryman Premier, with all four sides desperate for points after slow starts.

Folkestone Invicta's tough baptism following promotion continues as they host Tonbridge Angels, while Maidstone United travel to Margate. Cray Wanderers are also on the road, heading to the Sussex coast to face early leaders Hastings United.

After the diversion of the FA Cup

on Saturday, the county's Ryman South clubs revert to their bread and butter with derbies.

Newly promoted Faversham Town chalked up their first win in the division on Tuesday night and will be looking to make it three successive defeats for Whitstable Town.

Ramsgate are also yet to pick up a point, but may find it difficult against a Chatham Town side who have hit the ground running with back-to-back league wins.

The main interest in the Kent League comes at Culverden, where Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks Town will renew their rivalry.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY FIXTURES

All games kick off at 3pm

CONFERENCE SOUTH: Bishop's Stortford v Bromley; Chelmsford City v Dartford; Dover Athletic v Thurrock; Ebbsfleet United v Braintree Town; Welling United v Lewes

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION: Folkestone Invicta v Tonbridge Angels; Hastings United v Cray Wanderers; Margate v Maidstone United

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH: Chatham Town v Ramsgate; Whitstable Town v Faversham Town
KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Corinthian v Erith Town; Fisher v Beekingham Town; Holmsdale v Greenwich Borough; Lordswood v Hythe Town; Tunbridge Wells v Sevenoaks Town

Seymour to take on world with England

THE Women's Hockey World Cup begins on Sunday with Natalie Seymour hoping to help England build on their success at the Champions Trophy last month.

The Canterbury ladies defender featured in every game as Danny Kerry's side claimed a bronze medal in Nottingham, their best-ever result at the tournament.

It served as a warm-up for the World Cup in Argentina, where England start their campaign against Spain on Sunday evening.

Seymour, 23, is relishing the chance to play on the world stage in front of what should be big crowds in Rosario.

With the added belief provided by performances at the Champions Trophy, the squad travelled with optimism.

She said: "It's the biggest tournament most of us will have ever played in. That's why preparation at the Champions Trophy will hopefully stand us in good stead because we have experience of playing and winning against these big teams. We know if we play to the tactics, we will do well."

England continue their matches on Tuesday against China, ranked number three in the world. Outsiders Korea and South Africa follow on Thursday and Saturday, before the potentially pivotal final pool match against



Picture: ADY KERRY

BIG STAGE: Natalie Seymour is relishing her World Cup chance

the hosts. The top two from each group progress to the semi-finals, a stage England has only reached once in their history.

Seymour's busy international schedule will continue into the autumn after she was named in England's squad for the Commonwealth Games in October.

SECOND PLACE: Damien Sharman jumped to silver medal in his bid to retain the title he won last year

Picture: DAVE PATIENT



Sharman fails to land second European title

THERE were few complaints from Damien Sharman as he lost his European water-ski jump title to a team-mate last weekend.

The 31-year-old went into the tournament at Thorpe, Surrey, with hopes of defending the gold medal he won at last year's European Championships.

Seeded first for the final, the Dartford water-skier recorded an impressive 66.2 metres, but it was just shy of fellow Brit Jason Seels, who had earlier soared out to 68.1 metres.

Sharman, who helped Britain win bronze in the team event, was

not too disappointed to finish with a silver medal.

He said: "I thought I could win it but Jason went out before me and put out a huge jump which I couldn't beat. I was pretty happy, I think maybe it's easier to lose to a team-mate because at least the title stays in this country."

Next up for Sharman is a World Cup event in Chuncheon, South Korea. The two-day event starts today and forms part of the inaugural World Leisure Games, which will see 13,000 athletes from 50 countries compete in 15 sports.

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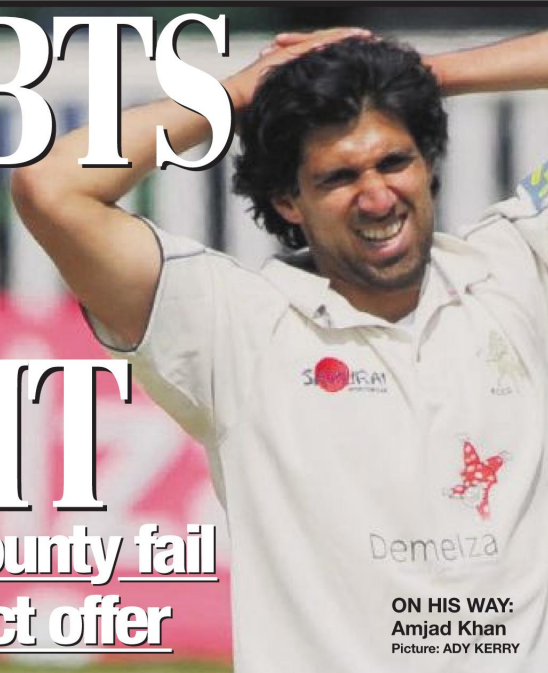
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KENT DEBTS TRIGGER KHAN EXIT

Paceman to leave after county fail to come up with a contract offer



ON HIS WAY:
Amjad Khan
Picture: ADY KERRY

EXCLUSIVE

By **GLENN PEARSON**

EVIDENCE of Kent's perilous financial plight has been made glaringly obvious with the news the club were unable to make out of contract fast bowler Amjad Khan "a meaningful offer".

The Danish-born paceman will now leave the club at the end of the season, although Kent on Sunday understands he will not be included in the side for the remainder of the campaign.

The fast bowler was keen to remain at St Lawrence despite the club not offering him a renewed contract at the end of last season, leaving the door open for an approach from other counties.

We broke the news exclusively on kent-news.co.uk last month that Somerset and Sussex had been in talks with Khan after making 28-day notices of approach, and KoS sources have revealed it will be Sussex he signs for in the next few weeks.

Khan, who has one Test cap for England, waited more than a month to listen to offers from Kent before he was made aware this week that one would not be forthcoming.

As a result the 29-year-old has been forced to look elsewhere and his loss, together with the release of four players so

far, and more expected, represents a bleak picture as Kent battle to stay afloat after announcing losses of £802,452 in the last financial year.

Jamie Clifford, Kent's chief executive, said: "Amjad has been with the club for nine seasons and we are very sorry to see him leave. These are financially difficult times for the club and sadly we are not currently in a position to make Amjad a meaningful offer.

Blighted

"This has been a very hard decision; however we believe that it is the right one given the financial context. I am sure the club's members and supporters will join me in thanking Amjad for all his efforts and wish him the very best as he moves on."

Khan took 248 first-class wickets for Kent after making his debut in 2002 and has led the attack this year without fellow quick bowler Robbie Joseph, whose season has been blighted by injury.

Khan was diplomatic about his departure from St Lawrence, but is understood

to have wanted to stay at the club that gave him a chance in English cricket.

"Ideally I would have liked to have continued my career with Kent but it is not to be," he said.

"I sympathise with Kent's off-field financial pressures and know the key people wanted me to stay.

"I look forward to new challenges with renewed vigour and believe I have what it takes to put myself back in the England frame."

Without Khan for the rest of the season and a skeleton-thin squad for next year with no promise of additional funds for new recruits, means it's going to be a tough couple of seasons for the club as they pin their hopes on the long-awaited redevelopment project of St Lawrence.

Where that leaves the likes of skipper Rob Key and Martin van Jaarsveld, who both signed contract extensions at the end of last season, remains to be seen, while the club captain admits losing Khan is a major blow.

He said: "It is disappointing the club couldn't offer Amjad a contract that would have seen him stay at the club. He has been a pleasure to play cricket with over the last nine seasons and I have no doubt that our loss will be another county's gain.

"I wish him the very best."

Maidstone takeover talks in the balance

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

A TAKEOVER deal at Maidstone United could be imminent after both sides indicated that negotiations were coming to a head.

The club's shareholders met Lashings Cricket Club owner David Folb and his chief negotiator Glenn Aitken during Maidstone's midweek defeat to Hastings United.

While it is believed chairman Paul Bowden-Brown will honour his pledge to write off his debts, Lashings claim the personal demands of other club shareholders might prove to be a stumbling block.

Aitken described their offer as "totally unrealistic" and the Lashings camp were waiting for a response that was due after Kent on Sunday went to press.

Aitken admitted anything was still possible while they waited for a reply, but felt the club's future would be clearer, one way or the other, in a matter of days.

He said: "We have been given no reason to be over-confident. We are confident we are currently the best management team to take the club forward, but the shareholders have the control and it's down to them, we can't do anything until they make up their mind.

"I suspect it has to happen in the next couple of weeks because of circumstances within the club. There will be some sort of decision by next week, if not fully resolved then it will point to the direction the club is going in."

Lashings are keen to agree a deal before their gala dinner at Lord's next Friday, so it could receive maximum exposure, but it is not an absolute deadline.

Maidstone's board declined to make a lengthy statement, but general manager Bill Williams told KoS he also expected a resolution shortly.

"The negotiations are still ongoing. I think there will be a conclusion across the weekend," he said.

Gills extend Aborah stay

GILLINGHAM have extended Stanley Aborah's short-term contract by another month to allow the midfielder a chance to impress.

The ex-Ajax player is attempting to rebuild his career after a long injury lay-off and is on a rolling contract at Priestfield after showing glimpses of good form while on trial in pre-season.

A minor thigh injury picked up in training has prevented Aborah from making his competitive debut so far.

He is not due to recover until after his initial month-long contract expires, but despite having a large squad, Gills boss Andy Hessenthaler did not want to release the former Belgium under-21 international without seeing him fully fit.



EXTENSION:
Stanley Aborah

Picture: ADY KERRY